

Outreach Committee Report 2020

The Outreach Committee supports congregations in transition, congregational innovation and presents programs at the Congregational Resourcing Event and Synod Assembly.

The committee meets four times per year, in person or by Zoom. The committee oversees a budget and discusses ways to build innovation and outreach in congregations. Small grants are available for innovative projects in congregations. This year the committee heard reports of small groups from two parts of the synod meeting on Congregational Vitality, a program of the Outreach Committee. The committee plans to keep working along with synod congregations on projects related to the goals of the committee, including having plans to extend our small groups to other parts of the synod.

The committee's members are: the Reverend Stacie Fidler, the Reverend Matthew Kamprath, Mr. Nathan Knowles, the Reverend Frank Langhof, Ms. Luz Malpica, Ms. Joyce Meier (Secretary), the Reverend Brandon Nelson, Ms. Amanda Schanze, Ms. Janet Stoller, and Mr. Stewart Walk (Chair). The Synod Staff liaison is the Reverend Gary Erickson, Director of Evangelical Mission.

I am grateful for the blessed people who work on this committee, with a special "Thank You" to Pastor Gary Erickson. Since late September, I have found working as part of the Outreach Committee to be a meaningful way to serve the whole church.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Stewart Walk and the Rev. Gary Erickson