

Global Outreach Mission Team

The Global Outreach Mission Team serves to support congregations in the PSEC in developing relationships with global partners, particularly with our missionaries and specifically with the missionaries that we have a formal relationship with in the PSEC. The GOMT also serves to provide learning opportunities through Mission Days and worship opportunities through the World Day of Prayer Service.

Missionary Relationships

Global Mission Intern: **Ariel Royer**, member of New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville, PA serves with the Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon. She works with the web page and assists in fund-raising and proposal writing.

Missionary: **Martha Mensendiek**, member of Crossroads UCC, Honolulu, Hawaii, serves with the Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan. She is a professor in the Department of Social Welfare. Martha teaches about social problems and building awareness about the world and linking students to the wider community.

Missionary: **Jeanette Salley**, member of St. John's UCC, Richmond, VA, serves with the Reformed Church of France. Her work is with the mission agency of the Reformed Church of France as the Pastoral Assistant for Diaconal Ministries in Gua.

Missionary: **Jeffrey Mensendiek**, member of First Congregational Church UCC, Berkeley, CA serves with Kwansai Gakuin University in Kobe, Japan as Chaplain for the Center for Religious Activities. Jeffrey is responsible for organizing programs on campus that instill the Christian spirit. He is also involved with social concerns in the wider community.

When these missionaries spend time in our Conference, the Global Outreach Mission Team strives to have them share their story with churches and other gatherings in our PSEC. If you are interested in being a host, please let the GOMT know. Stories from our missionaries can be accessed through the Global Ministries website globalministries.org.

In March 2015, the GOMT held a Conference wide World Day of Prayer Service at Zwingli UCC, Souderton, PA. The highlighted country this year was The Bahamas and the theme was "radical love". Using the liturgy created by our Bahamian sisters, we worshiped and sang and studied the Word together. We filled in footprints with ideas of how we and our churches can better share God's radical love. Following the service, we shared in fellowship around the table.

Currently GOMT member, the Rev. Chuck Maxfield is working on creating a database of churches to visit and worship at in other countries while on vacation or visiting that country. By attending worship while in a foreign town or city, we are transformed from being a tourist to being a visiting fellow Christian all the while gaining a broader experience of how the church worships across the world. We hope to have that available to our PSEC to access as people prepare to travel beyond the United States.

Thank you to all who serve on the Global Outreach Mission Team. The GOMT is open to having people serve on this Mission Team. If you are interested in serving, please be in touch with the Rev. Barbara Pence at pastorbarb90@gmail.com.