PSEC Generosity Mission Team Annual Meeting Report Spring 2023

Don't hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or – worse! – stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars. It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being. Matthew 6:19-21 (The Message)

<u>Team Members</u>: Caroline Dunleavy (Chair); Jim Foster; Chuck Maxfield; Stacey Prohaska; Don Wargo; Tammie Wisniewski; Bill Worley.

It is with gratitude that I submit this report on behalf of PSEC's Generosity Mission Team, which has now celebrated its one-year anniversary. Please note that we recently changed our name from "Stewardship/Development" to "Generosity" to reflect more accurately our team's mission of fostering a spirit of generosity among the congregations of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. In addition, we also provide education about and encourage contributions to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) offerings and oversee all fundraising activities of the Conference.

We have been busy continuing to get the word out about the work of our mission team over the past year. Here are some highlights.

- <u>10.16.22 North Penn Association Fall Meeting</u> This was our first public presentation as a team. We developed a resource sheet that was distributed to all meeting attendees in advance of the meeting. We showed a brief, generosity-themed video on the <u>"Stewardship of Risk"</u> featuring John Dorhauer and Andrew Warner from the national denomination, conducted breakout room discussions, previewed the new PSEC video, and reviewed what Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) is and what it funds. Thank you to team members Don Wargo and Tammie Wisniewski for their roles in the presentation. Our presentation was well-received, and the new PSEC video was definitely a hit. We also want to thank Zack Jackson for his assistance in producing the video and all of the PSEC congregations that contributed photos and video footage.
- <u>11.13.22 PSEC Fall Meeting</u> Our team took part in the Financial Presentation at the PSEC Fall Meeting. Our resource sheet and an OCWM explainer from the national denomination were included with the meeting materials that were posted online. Unfortunately, due to the technology issues at the Fall Meeting, we were unable to play the new video that we previewed at the North Penn Association Fall Meeting. Nevertheless, it has been made widely available and has had close to 300 views. Just in case you missed it, you can watch it on the PSEC YouTube channel by clicking here.</u>
- <u>PSEC Website Generosity Mission Team Resource Page</u> If you have not done so already, please check out our <u>Generosity Mission Team Resource Page</u> on the PSEC website. Thank you to Brea Rarick for her technical assistance with this part of our work.

• <u>4.15.23 Lay Leadership Convocation</u> – The lead organizer of this event, Chuck Maxfield, is also a member of our team, and we are grateful to him for approaching the team with the idea of offering a generosity-themed session. Thank you to Don Wargo for leading our session, which was offered twice throughout the day.

Throughout all of this, the team members and I continued to learn more about generosity ourselves by reading together and attending various online and in-person generosity workshops and events.

If you have any thoughts about how we can be of service to you, please reach out to me or any of our team members. And, if you would like to join us, please contact me.

Once again, thank you to all of our team members and the PSEC staff for helping to foster a spirit of generosity throughout the Conference. I will close with a special thank you to Sue Creswell for all she does to support our work.

Respectfully submitted,

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