

ENGAGING IN MISSION MINISTRY

July 2025

Guatemala Partnership

Important upcoming events relating to the Guatemala Partnership include:

- A group will be traveling to Guatemala October 1-8 for the purposes of renewing our Presbytery-to-Presbytery Covenant, planning our work together for the next year, and visiting with partner churches.
- A 30th Anniversary Celebration of our Partnership will take place on Sunday, November 8, 2025. Details will follow.

If you or your church have any questions or would like to engage more deeply in the ministry of our Guatemala Partnership, opportunities abound! Please contact one of us.

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Malawi Mission Team

A report from the recent Malawi Mission Trip is attached. (See Report P1-P3)

Further information will be provided on the growing crisis of the sudden withdrawal of US Government funding of USAID and other programs. The impact is evident particularly on the lives of young children and of women served by Nkhoma Hospital and its associated outreach at village clinics and a mobile health unit. This dynamic situation will be updated in the next few weeks following mission gatherings, including the Malawi Mission Network where the Ambassador from Malawi to the US, a PCUSA Elder and former nursing instructor at Nkhoma Hospital will speak.

Hunger Team

The Hunger Team approved the following Daily Change grant requests:

Regional Requests	
Agency	Approved Amount
North Buncombe Snack Sacks	\$3,000
Burke United Christian Ministries	\$5,000
Saluda Pop Up Pantry (Tryon PC)	\$10,000
Harrell House Food Ministry	\$10,000
International Requests	
Agency	Approved Amount
Grace Church (Ukraine)	\$5,000
Nkhoma Hospital (Waldensian PC)	\$20,000
Total Funds Granted	
\$53,000	

Grants from this program are distributed twice annually with the next allotments to be made in October.

Housing Team

Steve Aschmann has created a mission statement for this team as it reorganizes from the former Missions Committee: “The Housing Team, in support of the presbytery’s Matthew 25 commitment to work to eradicate poverty, will advocate for neighbors who lack adequate shelter and promote ministries which seek to provide safe, affordable housing solutions. The Team will equip, assist, and strengthen the housing ministries of congregations, presbytery neighborhoods, and partner nonprofits with resources, education, grants, and information sharing.”

Steve is following up with congregations currently engaged in affordable housing initiatives and programs. Housing grants from PWNC are not currently available.

Response to Disaster in Mission Presbytery, Texas

The recent flooding disaster in Texas has brought vivid memories of our Hurricane Helene disaster. Some in PWNC have connections with Mission Presbytery, individuals, and congregations in that area. Esta Jarrett reports that a baby she baptized 10 years ago was safely rescued from camp. Esta reports through her cousin, a PCUSA pastor in that presbytery, that donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, already working there, will be helpful should local congregations and individuals choose to reach out.