

## ENGAGING IN MISSION MINISTRY

### October 2026

#### Hunger Team

After the October 1 application deadline, this team will be meeting on October 23 to recommend grant distributions for fall. Grants will be reviewed by the Coordinating Ministry in November. Thank you to the congregations whose Daily Change offerings make possible these important grants.

#### Housing Team

The Housing Team met by zoom on September 4. Team leader Steve Aschmann shared updates from 8 nonprofits sponsored and supported by partner congregations who received grants in 2024. Projects have progressed with several completed or nearing completion. No housing grant funding was budgeted for 2025 due to the need to focus financial resources on Helene recovery. It is hoped that grants can be funded in the future as communities across the Presbytery identify possible solutions to the needs for affordable housing.

The Housing Team discussed the possibilities of developing an Affordable Housing Tool Kit to resource congregations who may consider projects in local communities. There may be housing presentations at July 2026 Neighborhood Presbytery Meetings.

This team includes connections with **Hands and Feet of Asheville**. Board member Megan McMillan reported that a record number of 10 fellows have come for this year, working with 11 different non-profits. A new director, Carly May, has recently been hired. 2025 budgeted funding from our Presbytery has been sent.

#### Guatemala Partnership

A group from our Presbytery will be returning from Guatemala and plan to share at the Presbytery meeting. Flyers for future opportunities to connect with this mission work are included in this packet.

#### Malawi Partnership

Information from the Malawi Partnership Team is included in the packet. Note the upcoming opportunity to travel to Malawi with this group in April 2026.

#### Global Missions

There are discussions underway to identify additional global missions support opportunities for congregations in the presbytery. This is an important time for continued support and prayer for our partner Presbyterians everywhere.