

Global Mission Commission
Annual Report
2021

Mission Statement

The Global Mission Commission serves compassionately as we encourage, resource, and support global mission partnerships. We strive to inspire collaboration, encourage best practices in mission, and provide mission education. Our current practices/offering include:

- +hosting the EDOA's annual global mission conference, the 'Go Summit'
- +connecting congregations to the resources of The Episcopal Church's Global Episcopal Mission Network, the Office of Global Partnerships, and Episcopal Relief & Development
- +curating and maintaining a list of EDOA's parish global mission partnerships
- +offering funding for initiatives in our companion diocese and parish partnerships in global mission
- +providing representation on the Ministry Innovations Task Force, overseeing administration of international innovations grants

The members of the Global Mission Commission include Abraham Philip, St. James, Marietta; Adelia Benjamin, St. Michael and All Angels, Stone Mountain; Ann Fowler, Epiphany, Atlanta; Caleb Pilgrim, St. Aidan's, Milton; David Stooksbury, St. Gregory the Great, Athens; Florence Wakoko, St. Thomas, Columbus; Grace Burton-Edwards, St. Thomas, Columbus; Harry Groce, Christ, Macon; Janet Livingston, Annunciation, Marietta; John Thompson-Quartey, St. Catherine's, Marietta; LaFawn Gilliam, St. Luke's, Atlanta; LeCretia Burton, Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta; Lever Stewart, Holy Innocents', Atlanta; Lucy Perry, Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta; Omolara Fyle-Thorpe, St. Matthew's, Snellville; Sally Ulrey, St. Columba's, Suwanee; Sue Hannan, St. James, Marietta; Suzanne Minarcine, Christ, Macon; Tim Pridgen, Advent, Madison; Vicky Cork, All Saints', Atlanta.

Meetings are held bi-monthly and this year all have been held via Zoom thanks to the care and skill of Sally Ulrey. The pandemic has not hampered the work of the GMC; if anything, the great needs around the globe have spurred the efforts of members to reach out to serve others.

Grace Burton-Edwards chairs the subcommittee of Cape Coast, Ghana, and she and her team including LaFawn Gilliam and Lever Stewart are moving forward in helping to establish relationships of churches in this diocese with churches in the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana. This subcommittee hosts a monthly international Zoom meeting with members of the GMC, clergy in our diocese, and clergy in Cape Coast. Some church pairings have formed and are Zooming monthly and others are underway with the intent to get to know one another, form friendships, and be in prayer for one another. Our diocese has contributed funds toward the establishment of a piggery in Cape Coast in order to create jobs and income for parishioners as well as income for the Diocese of Cape Coast and toward the provision of clergy pensions. Lever Stewart has been especially helpful in financial matters concerning Cape Coast and in looking into the possibility of hydroponic farming for Cape Coast.

David Stooksbury is chair of the Climate Change subcommittee on which Harry Groce serves. This year grants from the GMC were given to the ten Atlanta parishes that applied for one in order to reduce the cost of an energy audit from Georgia Interfaith Power & Light. An energy audit can help a church learn how to reduce energy uses that are harmful to the environment and thus help in healing our planet as well as reducing energy costs to the church. The GMC welcomes questions from Episcopalians around our diocese who would like to know more about this worthy endeavor.

Harry Groce is chair of the subcommittee for Cuba which formed after the recent political unrest there.

The GMC's next Go Summit conference, All Health is Global, will be held Saturday, January 29, 2022 at the Cathedral of St. Philip, and the planning committee is hard at work. The members of this committee are Suzanne Minarcine, Omolara Fyle-Thorpe, Janet Livingston, Lever Stewart, Adelia Benjamin, and Abraham Philip. Ann Fowler has also been instrumental in this work. Please put that date on your calendar and look for more information that will be forthcoming.

The GMC's budget of \$6,500 is focused on global needs. \$500 has been sent to the Global Episcopal Mission Network, of which Grace Burton-Edwards serves on the board of directors, and \$500 has been sent to My Vision for Refugees, Inc. At the most recent meeting of the GMC, members discussed sending the remaining \$5,500 to Cape Coast, Ghana, Cuba, and Haiti, and a final decision will be made at our November 18 meeting.

For your kindness and for your prayers for the work of the GMC, I'm grateful to you all.

Vicky Cork
Chair, GMC