

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2024

Matthew 25:40 “Truly I tell you, whatever you do for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”.

From the BLBC Covenant: As members of this community of faith, we seek to support our church and its mission through the giving of our resources and of ourselves. We will not neglect our responsibilities to carry His message into the world or turn away another in need.

The duty of the Mission Committee has been to promote missionary interest throughout the church, and to promote the special missionary offerings of the American Baptist Churches i.e. OGHS, WMO, RMMO, and to offer special missionary programs.

Mission giving which was budgeted by the church in 2024 included \$1800.00 for the support of CRU at UNH staff Edward and Emily Brake. The Mission Committee used our \$1000 budget to support ChildVoice, WMO, OGHS, RMMO, and Amirah. BLBC also sponsored an “April Shower” for Hope On Haven Hill of gifts for mothers and babies which had an estimated value or over \$1,555.00. BLBC also participated in a “Fill a Baby Bottle” fund drive for Options. And BLBC contributes \$.50 for every \$1.00 donated to NH Food Bank up to \$250.00.

The following organizations have been vetted and presented to the congregation to recommend they prayerfully consider supporting by funding or volunteering time and talents:

LOCAL MISSIONS - Strafford Christian Cupboard and other town food pantries; NH Food Bank; Tri-City Homeless shelter in Rochester; CRU at UNH/Edward and Emily Brake; Ready Rides; Hope On Haven Hill; Options; Grief Share; National Alliance For Mentally Ill; Adult and Teen Challenge.

NATIONAL MISSIONS – Amirah/ending human trafficking

WORLD MISSIONS – One Great Hour of Sharing, World Mission Offering, Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering, Wycliffe Bible Translators/Scott and Kathy Watson, Samaritan’s Purse, Gideon’s International, Word Alive Mission, Ghana, Child Voice.

Thank you for your generous giving.

Respectfully submitted by Jo Ann Pearson, chair