**OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT for 2019**

The Outreach Committee has a total of $4,000 to distribute annually.

We funded the same two organizations this year as we did last year dividing $3,500 evenly between the two.

The Malayaka House, a home for orphaned and abandoned children in Entebbe, Uganda, was our Global Outreach.

Black River Good Neighbors was selected for Local Outreach

The remaining $500 was given to Vermont Conference UCC Church’s Wider Mission

70% of OCWM stays within the Vermont Conference while 30% is sent to the National setting of the church.

In Vermont these funds enable:

 Assistance with searching for a new minister and finding interim clergy

 Stewardship resources and training for local church leaders

 Resources and support for local church faith formation

 Congregational Vitality Events

 Assistance for “micro” churches

 Support for the training and formation of licensed and ordained clergy

 Support for Pastors – personal and vocational

Mission and Ministry Support such as:

 Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council

 Grant to churches for Summer Lunch programs

 Disaster Response

 Prison Justice

 Communication and Resources

 EKit and other electronic newsletters

 Conference Web presence (vtcucc.org) and support for church websites

And so much more!

In the Wider Church these funds enable:

 Respond to disasters and human tragedies

 Feed the hungry

 Proclaim a Still Speaking God

 Witness to our faith through offering Extravagant Welcome – “No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey you’re welcome here.”

 Stand for peace with justice

 Nurture ecumenical and Interfaith relationships

 Gather as General Synod to worship, dream and witness to our faith as a multicultural, multiracial church

 Financial support for new and renewing churches

 Support for children and youth growing in their faith and leadership

And so much more!

The mission and generosity of the United Church to make a difference in the lives of others both locally and around the world has continued for many years. We are pleased and grateful that the church continues to fund this mission.

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Submitted by Outreach Committee