**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