

BLACKHAWK MISSION COMMITTEE
Meeting March 15, 2017

Blackhawk Mission Committee (BMC) approved **\$1,500 for the request from First Presbyterian Church, Ottawa toward transporting medical supplies and equipment to Uganda**. They will outfit a new medical center in Kohanda, Uganda. This is the project that was highlighted at the last Presbytery meeting.

Blackhawk Mission Committee (BMC) approved **\$750 in support of Stronghold's application to hold the first Annual Middle Retreat for Evangelism and Discipleship**. Stronghold held a very successful Confirmation Retreat and is responding to a need expressed by attendees to receive support for youth ministry. The event will include youth from Blackhawk, Chicago, and Eastern Iowa.

Blackhawk Mission Committee (BMC) approved **\$500 for the request from Willow Creek Presbyterian Church of Argyle for its Mosaic of Peace Trip to the Holy Land**. Rev. Judith Harding will attend this PCUSA event that seeks to give voice to the voiceless and provide connections and supplies to the less fortunate (school supplies to refugee villages and schools). Judith will learn about the plight of Palestinian Christians, Muslims and Jews and come back and share with interested churches in Blackhawk.

Blackhawk Mission Committee (BMC) is still making plans to contact churches to find mission projects that we can affirm, support with pray, and share as an inspiration for other churches.

Reminder: Submissions are being solicited for the electronic **Mission Yearbook**. They are requesting personal stories about the impact your ministry has had in 500 words or less with good photos. You may submit as many stories as you like, as often as you like, throughout the year. Contact Jacqueline Carter, Production Specialist Presbyterian Mission, jackie.carter@pcusa.org for more information.

The BMC reminds all churches that funding for **Mission Grants and Peacemaking Grants** is available for partial start-up funding for new initiatives. Applications are available on Blackhawk's website.

Next meeting of the Blackhawk Mission Committee is **May 17, 2018** at 1:00 p.m. at Stronghold.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Walker