

BLACKHAWK MISSION COMMITTEE
Meeting January 11, 2017

Blackhawk Mission Committee (BMC) approved **\$1,000 for the request from First Presbyterian Church, Sterling for the UNITE Work Camp Mission Project.** The project is a cooperative ecumenical effort of seven local Sterling churches who will work together to provide CommUNITY Vacation Bible School, ecumenical youth retreats, ecumenical fall festivals and worship.

Blackhawk Mission Committee (BMC) approved **\$500 in support of the Illinois Conference of Churches.** The Illinois Conference of Churches (ICC) is a statewide ecumenical (unifying) organization with 27 member judicatories of 13 denominations. They work to discover ways to celebrate and make visible our sacred bond in Christ and provide opportunity for churches in Illinois to reach common goals as we bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

The event, **Covenant Gathering** which involves the Synod of Covenant and the Synod of Lincoln Trails; will meet at the Geneva Center in Rochester, IN on July 8-13, 2018. Mission would like to encourage young adult leaders from Blackhawk Presbytery to attend. Please e-mail a **letter of interest to the Blackhawk Mission Committee by March 8 if you would like to be considered for financial scholarship.**

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 **March 15, 2018** at 12:00 p.m. at Stronghold.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Walker