

BLACKHAWK MISSION COMMITTEE
Meeting May 18, 2017

Blackhawk Mission Committee (BMC) received a report delivered by Rev. Sue Krummel from the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton concerning their Celebrating Diverse Gifts event on April 30. The church had a special worship service and afterwards served a catered meal to the developmentally disabled adults (clients of Gateway) in their community and all those who provide them support. The service featured a Gateway client filling the role of liturgist and the song, "For Everyone Born Has a Place at the Table." They served sixty people and felt that the program was really a success. They hope to do it again next year.

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.

The BMC reminds all churches of the Church World Service Kit Challenge explained on the Blackhawk Presbytery website under Mission Opportunities. Please report any difficulties in collecting the materials for the **25 school kits, 10 hygiene kits, and 10 clean-up kits** so that we can give CWS our feedback for future collections.

The BMC approved the Revised Memo of Understanding for the Kenya Partnership 2018-2022. **The BMC moves that Blackhawk Presbytery approve this revised Kenya Partnership MOU.** Imenti Presbyteries have already voted to approve this agreement.

The BMC joins the Kenya Partnership Committee in **seeking interest from additional churches in Blackhawk in forming church to parish partnerships.** Such a partnership minimally requires establishing electronic communication with our brothers and sisters in Imenti so that we can support each other in prayer and encouragement. A one-page application is available from Claire Brennecka or Laurie Walker.

The BMC alerts all churches that Blackhawk has **funds available to facilitate the formation of work groups in the event of a tornado or natural disaster.**

Next meeting of the Blackhawk Mission Committee is August 17 at 1:00 p.m. at Stronghold.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Walker