

**BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OUTREACH MINISTRIES TEAM GUIDELINES
Updated August 2012**

Outreach, also referred to as Missions, and often used interchangeably with Evangelism.....going out into the world and proclaiming the gospel, making disciples and reaching out to those in need in the name of Jesus Christ.

Goals of the Outreach Team:

*Educate members of the congregation on needs of the community and beyond, and offer a variety of “hands on” outreach opportunities throughout the year, highlighting and focusing on one ministry per quarter.

Plan, coordinate, and participate (when possible) in church-wide “hands-on outreach”.

Encouragement and support of other groups (Sunday School classes, UMM, UMW, Youth, VBS) outreach projects.

Have a mission/outreach speaker for various church functions, i.e. Worship, Family Night, Christmas dinner, Fifth Sunday, and/or groups, i.e. UMM, UMW, UMYF, Sunday school classes, at least once a quarter.

Raising awareness of mission involvement of the United Methodist Church (local, state, world) through regular Messenger articles and bulletin covers when appropriate.

Interpret and support Special Mission Offerings that occur throughout the year.

Encouragement of mission/outreach studies by Sunday school classes.

Appropriate funding in the annual church budget with a concerted effort being made toward growth over time.

*Outgoing chair will “shepherd” incoming chair for at least the last quarter of his/her term. Lay Leadership Team to identify a member on current ministry team that will be willing to serve as chair on following years.

*Goals from 2012 NCD from Planning Guide for Vital Congregations
All other goals are from old guidelines.

**The chairperson will call meetings as needed, but meetings will be held at least quarterly.
The chairperson will consult with team members to carry out responsibilities of team.**

**The Outreach Ministry Team Chairperson serves on the Church Council which meets 4th
Monday, 6:00 PM bi-monthly beginning in January with called meetings as necessary.**