

Davidson College Presbyterian Church

Global Mission Committee

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A Message from Robert:

As Associate Pastor for Mission, I have the opportunity to work with a wide array of wonderful people here at our church and throughout the world.

Our friends at Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kikuyu Kenya and in the Kilambe region of Nicaragua strive to provide quality education to local children and our partnerships help them in those efforts.

We also have relationships with several international programs that are impacting the lives of many.

We welcome you to join the Global Mission committee at DCPC and help find ways to carry out God's vision in the world. If connecting with our international brothers and sisters in Christ is where you feel called to serve, we invite you to join us!

Peace to You,

*Rev. Robert Alexander,
Associate Pastor for Mission
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Jhan and Ian Vellenga,
Nicaragua

Jhan and Ian Vellenga recently joined CEPAD's team as Mission Co-Workers through the PCUSA (Presbyterian Church USA). Jhan and Ian work to connect churches in the US with CEPAD's work and develop these relationships.



Scott and Elmarie Parker
Middle East

Elmarie Parker serves as regional liaison to Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. She helps strengthen the relational ties and facilitates PCUSA support for programs and activities. Scott serves with the Middle East Council of churches as a writer. He also leads MECC efforts to help children traumatized by war in Iraq and Syria who now seek refuge in Lebanon to develop resiliency.



Tracey King-Ortega
Nicaragua

As regional liaison for Central America, Tracey creates better communication among World Mission staff, partner churches and PCUSA congregations interested in ministry in this region. She facilitates visits of short-term mission groups, consults with partners and helps organize and sustain country mission networks.



Paula Cooper
East Central Africa

Paula is regional liaison for East Central Africa and facilitates PCUSA relationships with partners in Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, and Zambia where the church is growing rapidly. She helps mission groups plan itineraries that promote healthy partnerships between US groups and churches in Africa.

PCUSA Mission Co-workers:

Presbyterian mission co-workers are dedicated, passionate teachers, church planters, doctors, public health specialists, chaplains and human rights advocates. They teach theology, church history, Greek, Hebrew and English. They preach and evangelize. They organize and host mission teams from the United States. They accompany, they listen, they work in partnership with Christians in 50 countries around the world.

DCPC supports the good works of mission co-workers around the world through PCUSA's global mission initiatives. We have forged direct relationships with these specific co-workers:



Mark Adams & Miriam Escobar
Mexican Border

Mark is involved with church development, health, family counseling, and mission education in the Agua Prieta region of Mexico, near the border with Arizona. Over the past year, they have focused much of their energy on large numbers of families fleeing extreme violence and poverty.



Chenoa Stock
Peru

Chenoa Stock serves in Peru as delegations and partnership coordinator for PERUSA, a program of the Joining Hands Peru Network. Through this program, she works with PC(USA) delegations to foster partnerships with our Peruvian covenant partners, the Evangelical Church of Peru (IEP) and the Joining Hands Peru Network.

Join Us in Spreading God's Love Around the World

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Our DCPC Global Mission Committee works to:

1. Educate the congregation about the global mission of the church in general and DCPC in particular.
2. Coordinate global mission activities that involve our members in hands on mission experiences around the world.
3. Contribute funds from our church budget to the worthy ministries of our mission partners

Partnerships

Sigona Presbyterian Church Kikuyu, Kenya

Our Kenyan partnership, in its **21st** year, has made continued impact via the school program that we support through a collaboration with Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kikuyu, Kenya.

Kids (age 3 -12) attend the day school at the church where families “pay what they can,” and our support has helped stabilize income streams in a very rocky economy. Through monthly zoom calls, prayers and financial support, we have helped them navigate school budget planning, hire new and qualified teaching staff, purchase equipment and curriculum, and prepare for the future.



We are working with our Sigona Presbyterian partners as they prepare for the construction of a new kitchen, dining area, and new classrooms that can be used for both weekday and Sunday

A delegation of DCPC members to Kikuyu in **July 2023**, and once again hosting our siblings in Christ here in Davidson when they visit in the summer of 2024.



2022 marked the **20th anniversary** of our partnership with Sigona. Dozens DCPC members have visited Kenya, and we have hosted several delegations from Kenya here at DCPC.

We support Global Offerings of the Presbyterian Church

The Global Mission Committee coordinates four special denominational offerings each year. These offerings play an important role in what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century.

These offerings give us opportunities for partnerships based on shared concerns. Our support combines with that of fellow PCUSA churches to make a larger impact.

The four offerings are:

One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter)

Supports the Presbyterian Disaster Fund, the Presbyterian Hunger Fund and the Self-Development of People

Pentecost Offering (Pentecost)

Supports Young Adult Volunteers, Ministries for Youth and Children at Risk. DCPC retaining 40% of the offering for local mission

Peace and Global Witness (World Communion Sunday in October)

Supports the Peace of Christ at the local, national and world level

Joy Offering (Christmas)

Supports the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Racial Ethnic Leadership Development

Program Partners

CEPAD—Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua Minagua, Nicaragua

CEPAD ministers to the communities of Nicaragua through development work. Through their partnerships they help communities and individuals come together to support one another to achieve their goals and dreams through sustainable development practices.



Program Partners

Jubilee House Ciudad Sandino, Nicaragua

Jubilee House Community houses the Center for Development in Central America.



Their goal is to work in partnership with communities and cooperatives to facilitate empowerment: enabling people to find their own solutions to the problems they identify and helping connect them with resources to solve their problems.



Partnerships

Kilambe Community Nicaragua



Our partnership with the people of Nicaragua's Kilambe region continues to be impactful. Over the past 18 years, DCPC has sent DCPC teams to visit our partners in eight villages located in the mountain region of northern Nicaragua.

Our ongoing financial support continues to help in a variety of ways—from hurricane relief and rebuilding, to school supplies, food supplements, uniforms, and scholarships for village students.

In **June 2023**, a team of DCPC delegates will return to Nicaragua to visit our partners after a five year hiatus due to the pandemic.



The mural located in DCPC's Congregation House was created to illustrate our partnership by Nicaraguan civic leader and artist, Gerardo Arias, who designed and painted the mural when he visited our church in 2016 .

Local Needs for Those Displaced from Far Away

Refugee Support

In addition to supporting our global brothers & sisters in other parts of the world, we also have found a need in our local community for displaced refugees.

Afghan Family Support

Since the Afghan government collapsed in 2021, DCPC has been working with local Afghan families who have relocated to the Davidson community.



Ukrainian Support

DCPC provides support and works with displaced Ukrainians who are in the US temporarily due to the war in Ukraine.



Program Partners **Nepal Orphan's Home & Papa's House** Nepal

Papa's House serves the poor children of Dhapasi, Nepal through four homes and provides community support through various programs for children and adults.



Program Partners **Access 2 Success** Nigeria

A2S provides sustainable programs that generate positive change for Nigerian children and their communities.



Program Partners **Near East School of Theology** Middle East

N.E.S.T. is an inter-confessional Protestant Seminary serving the evangelical churches of the Middle East.

