

# 2017 SURPLUS FUNDS

*“...for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.”*

*Matthew 25:31-36*

Through generous congregational giving, at the end of 2017 Bethany had a budget surplus of \$29,626. Bethany Presbyterian Church has a policy that stipulates, if it has net income at the end of a fiscal year, the income is to be allocated in the following order: to prior year deficits, to unspent funds (if, for example, budgeted expenses were not incurred due to an earlier decision to reduce spending), and finally, to outreach.

Outreach at Bethany Presbyterian is comprised of Local Outreach (for the Seattle area), and Global-Regional Outreach (for ministries outside of our area). Bethany defines outreach as any endeavor extending beyond our local congregation to:

- Manifest the Kingdom of God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ;
- Fulfill “the Great Commission”;
- Enable people to live as his disciples in the fellowship of the Church;
- Meet the whole need of humanity.

The Local and Global/Regional Outreach teams of Bethany believe that we are called by Scripture to participate in outreach to the world by fulfilling the Great Commission, sharing in Christ’s compassionate concern for the world, and ministering to basic human needs.

Blessed with this budget surplus, during the month of May 2018, the combined Outreach teams sought guidance and input from the congregation on how to direct the surplus. Through a church bulletin insert and an online survey distributed through the weekly Bethany emails, Outreach asked Bethany to respond to the question:

How would you like to see Bethany share God’s love through local or global outreach? What needs or issues are on your heart?

The response surpassed our expectations! With 65 responses in hand, the Outreach teams met in late May and June, and had robust discussions about what issues were on our collective hearts. We identified broad themes across all the responses and discussed which themes were appearing most often. Topics like homelessness, refugees, ministry to people



on the margins, racial reconciliation, disaster relief, and training for the congregation (on topics like racial reconciliation) rose to the fore. We clustered the responses around 4 giving categories that had been developed late last year.

These categories included:

1. Supporting Neighbors with Limited Resources (e.g. for homeless ministry or neighbors recently arrived in the U.S.);
2. Emergent Needs (like disaster relief, or unanticipated needs of ministry partners);
3. Equipping and Empowering Bethany (on topics such as racial reconciliation, immigration, etc.); and
4. Interchurch and Ministry Collaboration (for example, to support Bethany’s church partnerships with Emerald City Bible Fellowship or Mt. View Presbyterian).

On June 3, then Local Outreach elder, Charis Hnin, brought these same questions to Bethany’s 5th graders during Sunday School. Over 20 children contributed their heartfelt thoughts on where 2017 surplus outreach funds should go (*see photo*).

We look forward to continuing to support our regular Outreach partners through the normal Bethany budget cycle. And we are excited to see “how God works for the good of those who love him,” blessing these new endeavors and our congregation who shared the outreach needs and issues closest to our hearts.

## SUPPORTING NEIGHBORS WITH LIMITED RESOURCES

Organization	Amount
NW Detention Center	\$2,000
Doors of Grace/Simple and Just	\$1,500
World Relief (housing for refugees)	\$1,500
Mary's Place	\$1,000
Underground Ministries	\$1,000
Big Table (support for individuals in crisis)	\$1,000
Seattle World School	\$1,000
- Seattle World School Robotics Program	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,500</b>

## EQUIPPING & EMPOWERING BETHANY

Organization	Amount
Robin DiAngelo (White Privilege training)	\$3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

## EMERGENT NEEDS

Organization	Amount
Haiti Education Foundation (restoring St. Andre Primary School)	\$2,500
Outreach Foundation (Syria relief)	\$2,500
Enrique & Norma Martinez ministry (Honduras)	\$2,500
PCUSA Disaster Assistance (including immigrants & refugees)	\$2,500
Esperanza (staff supplies)	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>

## INTERCHURCH AND MINISTRY COLLABORATION

Organization	Amount
Revelations 7: global worship band (Kyle Turver proposal)	\$2,500
Roadmap to Reconciliation (Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil)	\$1,500
Rob Cardoza	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

CATEGORY	% (ROUNDED)	AMOUNT
Supporting Neighbors with Limited Resources	32%	\$9,500
Equipping & Empowering Bethany	10%	\$3,000
Emergent Needs	41%	\$12,000
Interchurch & Ministry Collaboration	17%	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$29,500</b>
Amount to be Allocated		\$29,626
Amount Remaining (to be decided by Bethany 5th graders)		\$126