

## **Diaconate Report**

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This report must start by offering our thanks to God for his generous provision to the ministry of the Deacons through you, our congregation. The contribution of your finances, your time, and your talents is a wonderful expression of the love of Christ to individuals throughout our congregation, community, and the world. We Deacons, entrusted with the office of serving others, are blessed to be an extension of such a spirit among God's people.

In 2019, your contributions to the Deacon's Fund totaled over \$83,000. That fund is used only to relieve the burdens of others. In this past year, about one-third of the total financial assistance that we provided was given to members and adherents of Faith Presbyterian Church. The remainder was used to help those in our community – both local and global.

Those that do come to us for assistance often receive temporal financial aid, but they are always presented with the Gospel and offered the eternal comfort provided through faith in Christ. We should note that your engagement in the community has enabled us to help in ways that we would not have known about. Please let us know how we can use our resources to support the relationships you are building.

Outside our local community, through your gifts, we were able to provide a significant contribution to financial relief in Cuba through a special offering for the Caribbean Initiative of \$12,457. Also, a special offering for building projects on the campus of the Reformed School of Theology in Manipur, India raised \$16,450.

The work projects coordinated by the Deacons included roof work, building a residential wheelchair ramp, and other clean-up work for various members. Thank you for sacrificing your time to these efforts, too.

Again, on behalf of the Diaconate, thank you for the opportunity you have entrusted to us to serve others in Christ's name. Thank you as well to our wives and families for the support and encouragement provided to us. And finally, may God's name be glorified through us as we work together to serve him in the year ahead.

Regards,

Doug Lawty  
2019 Chairman of Faith Presbyterian Church Diaconate