

Diaconate Report

Annual Report of the Diaconate for 2020

We offer our immense thanks to the Lord for his generous provision to the ministry of the Deacons through the congregation of Faith Presbyterian Church. 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. The Deacons, entrusted with the office of serving others, are blessed to be an extension of such a spirit among God's people.

In 2020, your contributions to the Deacon's Fund totaled over \$73,000. That fund is used only to relieve the burdens of others, which has been particularly in 2020. In this past year, the Diaconate was able to support families both inside and outside of our congregation who had become unemployed, underemployed, or otherwise affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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. Due to the unique nature of our church services, not every individual seeking assistance has been able to attend a service, so the Deacons have sought alternate ways of connecting with members of the community, including phone conversations and meeting individuals outside of the Sunday schedule.

Outside our local community, through your gifts, we were able to provide a significant contribution to financial relief in Manipur India through a special offering for Khen Tombing's ministry of over \$11,000.

The Deacons have also had a change in a number of the regular Sunday duties, including setting up and taking down chairs and other fixtures in the outdoor tent each week, changing the manner in which the Lord's Supper is prepared and served, wiping down and sanitizing high-touch surfaces, and setting up the overflow space in DeSoto Hall each Sunday. It has been a joy to serve the congregation in this way, and we are grateful for all of the many staff and volunteers who have helped each Sunday flow very smoothly so that we are able to worship in person each Lord's Day.

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.

In Christ,
Adam Skrivan
2020 Chairman of Faith Presbyterian Church Diaconate