

EMMANUEL CHURCH OUTREACH COMMISSION – SUMMARY OF 2016 ACTIVITIES AND PLANS FOR 2017

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The Outreach Commission expresses its appreciation to all Emmanuel members whose financial contributions and provision of their time and talents have made our Outreach activities possible.

OUTREACH INCOME IN 2016

- **Emmanuel Church budget, Outreach line:** The Vestry designated **CHF 10,500** for the 2016 Outreach budget to ensure coverage of Café Care and Jardin de Montbrillant. of which **CHF 5,550** was specifically donated.
- **Outreach Sundays:** As in 2015, it was agreed to continue seeking Outreach funding for refugees and development projects by having an “**Outreach Sunday**” on the second Sunday of each month through the year. From Outreach Sunday contributions, a total of **CHF 7,045** was received.
- **Special events and offerings:** Funds for Outreach were also gratefully received through Africa Night (**CHF 5,273**), the United Thank Offering (**CHF 1,755**), and the World Refugee Day concert (**CHF 3,028**). An additional donation to outreach was made (**CHF 195**), for which the Outreach Commission is most grateful.
- **Total funds available for Outreach in 2016: CHF 27,799.**

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES IN 2016

A total of **CHF 26,289** was disbursed in 2016, as summarized below.

Africa Night: CHF 5,273 raised/CHF 5,300 donated **Coordinated by Sam Hammond, Samuel Mbele-Mbong and Rose Acheampong-Gerber**

Africa Night, held in October, was a great success again in 2016. Over 120 persons were present; a wonderful time was had by people of all ages. African music was provided, and women of the Emmanuel community donated, cooked and served the food. The funds raised were designated for the Sanyu Babies Home in Uganda.

United Thank Offering: CHF 1,755 collected/ 1,730 paid **Coordinated by Debbie Groby**

The UTO addresses compelling human need through grant projects that help to alleviate poverty both domestically and internationally within the Anglican Communion. Grants in previous years ranged from \$95,000 (toward a new church building in Tamale, Ghana) to \$1,040 for developing Web seminars to facilitate contact with isolated communities in the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

Children’s Christmas gifts: **Coordinated by Jo Topping (assisted by Helen Soares, Catherine Kennedy and Shannon Keith)**

Gifts were collected from members of the Emmanuel community in November and early December, for the annual Journées du Coeur party. There were about 63 Christmas gifts this year aimed at older children 8 -11 as requested by the organization. The Boy Scout troop helped out through sending some gifts this year. Shopping, church announcements, and considerable backup work all contributed to this activity and are greatly appreciated.

Jardin de Montbrillant: CHF 7,653 **Coordinated by Torsten Bartsch**

Jardin de Montbrillant is a center for people in need and underprivileged located in Geneva behind the train station where people receive a hot meal free of charge thanks to the organization Carrefour Rue, which is supported by the Geneva social authorities and various NGOs. Emmanuel participates on the second Saturday of each month to purchase, prepare and serve this meal. Meal recipients ranged from 140 to over 200 during the year. Organization is taken on by one person/family or group with the participation of 6–12 helpers. For a number of years we have regularly worked with groups of students from the International School. In 2016 over 35-40 persons from Emmanuel Church (along with family members or friends) participated as volunteers, amounting to over 350 hours of volunteer work.

Café Care: CHF 1,585 **Coordinated by Bonnie Christen**

Emmanuel Church continued to provide monthly lunches (10 months of the year) for the women and children of Au Coeur des Grottes, a shelter near the train station. In addition, Easter baskets were given to all the children there, and Christmas gifts were given to the women in the shelter. These gifts were prepared by a group of women who meet on Friday mornings at Emmanuel for Bible study. Emmanuel’s Outreach Commission offered 2 “baby cookers” to the Coeur des Grottes, also for Christmas, to allow the mothers to prepare healthy food for their children.

World Refugee Day concert: CHF 3,028 raised / CHF 2,520 sent

Coordinated by Shauna Beesley

On 20 June 2016 a concert was held at Emmanuel Church, organized by our Music and Choir Director, Shauna Beesley, and with the participation of the Emmanuel Church Choir. A collection was taken for the Anglican Chaplaincy in Athens and their work with refugees in Greece.

Development projects contributions: CHF 7,045 / CHF 7,500 sent

Coordinated by Helena Mbele-Mbong

Project	Amount (CHF)	Contact person/ Coordinator	Status/Comments
<i>maisha orphanage, Kenya</i>	2,000	Shannon Keith	Building project to help support school fees and supplies for students at maisha.
Svarna School, Kolkata, India	2,000	Gita Sundararaman	Provision of scholarships for low income students in need of financial assistance
St. John-Paul II Hospital, Bossemptele, Central African Republic	3,000	Fr Bernard Kinvi	Support to the hospital administered by Fr. Kinvi, who preached at Emmanuel in November 2014
Partner Sein: Medical clinic in Sanyuni, Tanzania – Anglican CCM sisters	500	Robert Amstutz, Swiss Archdeaconry	Support to the medical clinic, through Partner Sein, the relief agency of the Old Catholic Church of Switzerland
Clothing contribution for refugees in Geneva area	In kind donations	Vicky Maltby	Clothing provided to Caritas for distribution.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES ON EMMANUEL WEBSITE: This initiative was continued in 2016, to update the Outreach activities on the Emmanuel website. The information was collated and submitted to Leroy Brown, who uploaded the new information onto the website. Thanks to those contributors who offered assistance, the new website now contains updated information on Outreach activities.

OUTREACH PLANS FOR 2017

Emmanuel Outreach activities will continue in 2017, in the same three areas of activity as in previous years:

- **Geneva activities (Jardin de Montbrillant and Café Care)**
- **Global project support**
- **Global disaster and emergency response**

For 2017 funds for Outreach will continue to be provided through the generosity of Emmanuel members, through the annual Emmanuel budget to cover Café Care and Jardin de Montbrillant (**CHF 12,500**), contributions on Outreach Sunday for development projects, refugees and emergencies, and special fund-raising events and activities. Funds raised but not dispersed in 2016 will be added to the amounts raised in 2017. As in previous years, we shall occasionally highlight Outreach activities on Outreach Sundays, as one means of providing information to the Emmanuel Church community.

WITH DEEP APPRECIATION FROM THE OUTREACH COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Torsten Bartsch
- Bonnie Christen
- Sam and Joana Hammond
- Vicky Maltby
- Huub and Imelda Spierings
- Joyce Witherspoon
- Helena Mbele-Mbong (Treasurer)
- Bob White (Chairperson)