

## **2020 GLOBAL MISSION REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FEBRUARY 2021**

**Anglican Rosaries for Atlanta Airport Chaplain:** This project was set aside in 2019, with the possibility of making more in the future, as the chaplaincy was adequately supplied at the time. Our point of contact is Rev. Donna Mote. However, due to Covid – 19 this project remains on hold.

**Villa International:** Is an ecumenical outreach program to medical students from other countries studying at Emory University and the Centers for Disease Control. Villa International is located on Clifton Road in Atlanta. In 2019, Global Mission made initial contact with the director in hopes for future collaboration and to welcome the students to our door-step. Again, due to Covid-19 this has been placed on hold. We hope to reach out later 2021.

**Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD):** When in-person services resume, parishioners will be encouraged to donate to ERD after all the major disasters this year as well as to participate in the Gifts for Life program. Cicely Simon is St. Matthew's ERD Parish Representative.

**United Thank Offering (UTO):** UTO is a church wide offering begun in 1889 by the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions (now known as the Episcopal Church Women-ECW). Through donating monetary offerings, placed in the Blue Box and coupled with prayers of thanksgiving, parishioners will be encouraged to pass their own blessings on to others throughout the world. Parish in-gatherings are traditionally held twice a year, however due to Covid – 19 this program also experienced a minor setback. When we are able to resume, monies collected will be sent to the United Thank Offering administrative office and grants are made annually by the UTO Board. St. Matthew's UTO Coordinator is Sylvia Langley George.

**Mission Beyond Our Parish:** Omolara Fyle-Thorpe was appointed by Mother Liz to the Diocesan Global Mission Commission and attends meetings regularly.

**The Global Mission Committee:** Early 2020, the Global Mission Committee sponsored its Annual Global Breakfast on World Mission Sunday which is celebrated on the last Sunday of Epiphany. Church members contributed dishes representative of their culture. It was a truly delightful feast!

This report is submitted with thanksgiving for Global Mission at St. Matthews.

**Omolara Fyle-Thorpe,  
Global Mission Chair**

**8TH READING CAMP: JUNE 15-20, 2020 CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Although we had to cancel the 2020 Reading Camp, we had done some of our planning prior to March 2020.

The debriefing and evaluation of the 2019 camp had been completed and the brainstorming and preliminary planning for 2020 was well underway.

Our book for the week upon which we planned to build our theme was " The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp" by Kathi Appett.

When it became obvious that the 2020 camp could not be presented because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we struggled with our concerns for our campers and the loss of reading skills that could occur. Since our campers were already at high risk for retention of their skills, we sought a way to narrow the gap.

Through our collaboration with the Gwinnett Public Library System and the communication between their liaison and our planning team we were able to keep our Reading Camp family- parents, campers, support staff, counselors and youth volunteers- aware of the virtual summer camps and activities offered by the library.

We were also able to inform them about the Monday- Friday free lunch program and at which libraries they could pick up a lunch.

If the church is open this coming summer, we will be offering **Reading Camp 8 June 14-19, 2021.**

**READING ROCKS!**

Gini Peterson

In further discussion with Becky Olbon, we will move Reading Camp from under the auspice of Global Mission to its own project.