

El Dorado County  
Federated Church

**A – Z**

Guide to  
Mission Connections

OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
SERVING OTHERS IN YOUR  
CHURCH, YOUR  
COMMUNITY, YOUR  
NATION AND YOUR  
WORLD

Mission  
Connections  
Ministry Team

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Mission Connections Ministry  
Team of Federated Church

The Mission Connections Ministry Team has this focus:

“We communicate, raise awareness, and invite the people at Federated to connect with Christ’s community locally and throughout the world”

We generally meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in Price Hall. Please contact Cyndy Salmon at (530) 919-1610 (call or text) or [casunflower79@gmail.com](mailto:casunflower79@gmail.com) for an update on meeting time or location.

*A* Little Help provides backpacks full of food to needy Sierra Elementary School children. Needs include donations of lightweight, nonperishable nutritious snack food, (raisins, breakfast bars, etc.). Backpacks are generally filled the last Tuesday of the month. [Linda Gates (530) 644-5695]

*A* lternative Christmas is the marketplace at Federated that helps celebrate Christ's birth through meaningful gift giving. From buying a goat for a family in Chile to supporting the FCW bake sale, this is a different giving experience. Your family can choose to make your Christmas alternative, developing new gift traditions that will help people in our community and around the world with basic needs. [Cyndy Salmon (530) 919-1610]

*B* e a disciple of Jesus in your thoughts and your works.

*e* amp Harmony happens most years and is our summer week of fun for kids going into kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. A variety of music, games, and crafts are offered to help the children learn about Jesus. Concluding this week in 2016 was a "concert on the green" at the Gold Country Retirement Community as well as a Camp Harmony Worship Service on Sunday at 10AM. Contributions, youth counselors, and helpers of all ages are needed. [Amanda Anderson (530) 622-0273 ext 17]

*e* hildren's Mission is a giving project that begins on Easter Sunday. The children's minister and the children, with guidance from the Mission Connections Team, choose one or more recipients, from local to global. They present a creative four week campaign that includes handmade crafts and food, singing and educational messages, all focused on the project. Since it began in 2007, Children's Mission has raised over \$45,000 for the good of people in need. [Amanda Anderson (530) 622-0273 ext 17]

**D** isaster Relief contributions can be donated through both of our denominations: United Methodists - <http://umcor.org/UMCOR/programs/disaster-response> and Presbyterians <http://pda.pcusa.org/>

**E**arth Keepers works to take action to educate and connect our community to secure the future of a living environment. Through information, announcements and opportunities for greening our world, our church and our homes, we work to preserve and protect our environment. [Carolyn Bush (530) 391-6846]

**E**mergency Help is given for local individual unmet needs through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Contact Jan in the church office. [(530) 622-0273]

**F**ederated Church Women (FCW) is an inclusive caring community of women of Federated Church, whose purpose is to support the church in its service to the community and the world, including college scholarships. FCW women gather monthly in small groups (circles) for fellowship and Bible study, and a combined unit for a monthly meeting & program. [Jeanne Machado Derdowski (916) 835-1281]

**F**ederated Farmers Market offers tables overflowing with fruits, vegetables, flowers and herbs in the summer months. Gardeners donate extra bounty from their gardens and shoppers enjoy the farm fresh tastes. Donations support SHARE and local Connection mission projects. [Linda Gates (530) 644-5695]

**F**ederated Preschool provides loving and accredited childcare on our site. Our children would love to have you read to them, play with toys or simply give them a hug! Your extra hands are always needed. [Kelly Reeves (530) 655-5226]

**G**ardening Group helps to take care of the church landscaping. They meet as needed to pull weeds, prune perennials and shrubs, keeps the drip watering system in good repair, rake leaves and pine needles and do other gardening chores. Want to help? [Cyndy Salmon (530) 919-1610]

**G**old Country Retirement Community and Health Center hosts monthly gathering of FCW's Naomi Circle at both the apartments and the Health Center. We share Bible study, singing, and prayers. [Susan Taseff (916) 467-2555] or [Tish Langston (530) 903-6567]

**H**ealth Ministry is supported by a team of volunteer nurses and a coordinator, focusing on the care of the spirit as well as the promotion of holistic health and the prevention of illness. Team members make home and hospital visits to congregation members who are ill or in crisis, facilitate groups to support members who are grieving or battling cancer, and promote health with PATH exercise class. Blood Pressure Sunday, and community resource information in the weekly bulletin. [Tish Langston (530) 903-6567]

**H**ELP (Housing Emergency Lodging Program) provides a roof and assistance to get back on your feet when everything seems hopeless. Life can get scary when you don't have a home and have children who need to go to school the next day. There are opportunities for volunteers to be a Mentor to families housed in the HELP house. [Michael Ling (916) 458-4038]

**H**ELP Walk raises money for emergency housing for homeless families and individuals. The walk along Main Street in downtown Placerville and on the bike path during October of most recent years is an ecumenical and community effort. Become a recruiter, sponsor, and walker! [Mary Hill Hugues (530) 622-8342] or [Doris Henke (530) 294-6144]

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ousing El Dorado operated the Pathways Project seven-day a week homeless shelter in winter 2021. This replaced the Nomadic Shelter from previous winters that was operated by local churches including Federated Church, from November through March. Housing El Dorado's Pathways Winter Shelter 2022 is operating January – March 31, 2022.  
[Don Vanderkar (530) 957-6996]

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nternational connections and global partnerships are part of the Federated family around the worlds. We support:

- Congo: Jeff and Christa Boyd support education and hunger programs in Cameroon, the Congo and Rwanda.
- Democratic Republic of the Congo:
  - Larry Sthreshley coordinates educational support for the Health of All in Kinshasha.
  - Rev. Jean Ntita Muamba coordinates educational support for Education for Kinshasha program.
- Dominican Republic – Solar Oven Partnership
- Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana (IED) Mexico : see “M” for Mexico.
- Ecuador: Sara Flores—supports the work of the local Methodist Churches in Ecuador
- West Angola: We partner with other Methodist churches to rebuild schools, libraries, churches, clinics and a model village after 26 years of civil war. One of the missionaries we support is: Fatuma (Nana) Olangi Kutela—agricultural development

These missions are supported through our personal prayers and congregational giving. Would you like to write or email to help keep the lines of communication open between our congregation and our partners? [Leslie Bush (530) 644-1154]

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slamic Connections are fostered because Federated Church maintains cordial and supportive relationship with two Mosques: the Salam Islamic Center in Sacramento and the Muslim Community Center in Folsom. We have supported MCF's “Open Doors” project to welcome Syrian Refugees who reside in the Sacramento Area.

**J**ust Coffee (“Café Justo”) was sold most Sunday mornings before Covid-19. Coffee can be ordered directly either online or by mail order. Café Justo goes beyond “fair trade”. The Mexican farmers market co-op founded by Frontera de Cristo Presbyterian Ministry owns the entire process of growing, roasting and selling. They also have a coffee house ministry to youth in Agua Prieta, Sonora.  
[Janet and Valeria Chelseth (916) 704-3951]

**J**uvenile Services Council brought together a group of adults who care about the kids in Juvenile Hall and wanted to show them that “there are other ways”. The twice-a-month gatherings at Juvenile Hall include music, crafts, games, speakers and food, which are remembered by many youths as a turning point during their troubled times. This valuable ministry is on hold in Placerville because all juveniles are currently housed in S. Lake Tahoe while the new Juvenile Hall is built in Placerville. [Sue Prock (530) 391-6348]

**L**ocal opportunities in the community are open to all! Many Federated folks and friends are involved in the following organizations:

- CASA (court Appointed Special Advocates) – Don Vanderkar (530) 957-6996
- El Dorado Habitat for Humanity – Sally Long Johns (530) 603-0821
- Housing El Dorado – Don Vanderkar (530) 957-6996
- New Morning Youth and Family Services – Carl Hagen (530) 622-1231
- Salvations Army – Becky Bell (530) 672-1892

**M**exico Missions are organized locally and through border and international organizations:

In the past, Youth Mission Trip partnered our youth with the Brentwood Presbyterian Church's youth and Amor Ministries (www.amor.org). Youth and adult volunteers headed to Mexico to help build homes for poor families during the week of Spring Break. This was an opportunity for young people to put service and generosity into practice. It was also an opportunity for folks to travel outside of the United States and experience an unfamiliar cultural reality. [Amanda Anderson 530-622-0273] for information about current service opportunities for Youth.

- Frontera de Cristo is a bi-national Presbyterian ministry supporting the border communities of Agua Prieta, Sonora and Douglas, Arizona. They sponsor a Migrant Resource Center, Café Justo Coffee Farmer's Co-op, and CREDA drug rehab center, and respond to other community needs. They invite groups and individuals for short or extended working/ learning visits. Federated Church financially supports the work of missionaries Mark Adams and his wife Miriam Maldonado there. We sell Café Justo at Alternative Christmas

- Companeros en Mision focuses on building and strengthening faith understanding and relationships among people on both sides of the border in the states of Sonora, Mexico and Arizona, USA. They work through five small Presbyterian mission churches in Sonora and coordinate visiting short-term mission teams which focus on three goals: 1) Building faith, 2) Building understanding, and 3) Building relationships on both sides of the border. Federated Church Peace and Global Witness special offering in October aids this ministry.

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ighbors is committed to modeling Federated Church's stated commitment to welcome and include everyone, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. Federated is a More Light (Presbyterian) and Reconciling Ministries (Methodist) church.

[Linda Gates (530) 644-5695]





**N**ew opportunities always arise for responding to the needs of our world and community. Join the Mission Connections Ministry Team to help identify, plan and organize our congregation's response.  
[Cyndy Salmon (530) 919-1610]

**O**fferings that are dedicated as shown below allow us to make special gifts throughout the year in support of international denominational programs and special local programs:

- One Great Hour of Sharing (Palm Sunday)
- Pentecost (Pentecost Sunday)
- Peacemaking (Worldwide Communion Sunday in October)
- Christmas Joy (December)

**P**ayer is needed for those who are suffering in our church, our community and our world. The Upper Room, a monthly booklet with daily devotions, is available in the church Narthex.

**Q**uietly serving our world is good, but we don't always have to do it quietly!

**R**esources are crucial for financially supporting or giving of your time to our seven international mission partnerships and our local and denominational outreach. A percentage of the congregational giving is designated for these projects. Help support the stewardship of this congregation.

**S** HARE is a food closet that is located at Federated Church. Fourteen churches in the community work together to feed families who are hungry and need food. Volunteers assist with sorting and distributing donations. [Becky Bell (530) 672-1892] or [Craig Styles (530) 306-3294]

**8** stewardship Team promotes a lifestyle of caring-care for the earth, care for our families care for the environment, and care for our church. When we take active intentional care of these aspects of our lives, we are acting as stewards for God – who is the Giver of all things.

**7** Tree of Kindness, our Christmas giving program, touches the hearts and lives of local children. Come to the Christmas tree in Price Hall from mid-November to early December to see how you can support this project by providing donations for bulk purchase of Walmart gift cards to make this project a success. [Sue Prock (530) 391-6348]

**T**wo Cents a Meal asks us put 2 pennies in a container on the kitchen table for each meal we eat while we pray for relief for the hungry and thank God for the abundance of food that is available to us. Help feed the hungry at the Upper Room by bringing your pennies on the last of Sunday of the month and adding them to 2 Cent containers as you enter church. 2 Cents a Meal is on hold during the Covid-19 pandemic but you can donate online to the Upper Room on their website [www.upperroondininghall.org](http://www.upperroondininghall.org). [Cyndy Salmon (530) 919-1610]

**V**itality important needs arise on a regular basis. Please consider contributing to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund for the use by the church staff in meeting individual emergency crises. Contact Jan Laird in the church office (530) 622-0273

**W** hat does the Lord require of you? To seek justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

**X** traordinary opportunities exist for serving in response to God's call to each of us. Come to a Mission Connection Team Meeting to learn how you can get involved.

**Y** outh serve Native Americans through the Sierra Service Project (SSP). Each summer interested youth group members and other church youth and adult volunteers travel to various in Oregon, California, Nevada and Arizona to help build homes and build communities. No construction experience is needed. Volunteers are equipped with tools and support to work on roofing, drywall repairs, painting and a number of other areas. Check with [Amanda Anderson (530) 622-0273 ext 17] for current service opportunities for Youth.

**Z** epyhr Point Conference Center, a lakeside gem on the eastern shore of Lake Tahoe, is home to many faith-related conferences and retreats, including our annual Federated Church Retreat. To see what else is offered there during the year, pick up a brochure in the church office or check online at [www.zepyrpoint.org](http://www.zepyrpoint.org).

