



## Your Shared Mission Dollars at Work Through Lake Huron Presbytery

Our mission statement...partnering with congregations, helping people to know, grow, share and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our theme in 2012..."To engage congregations, elders, deacons, and members with spiritual development to be the dynamic Body of Christ."

Sharing our mission dollars makes possible the tasks that no one congregation could accomplish alone.

### TOGETHER, WE EQUIP CONGREGATIONS BY

- Training church officers and leaders (in 2009 and 2011 provided scholarships to attend The Big Tent Event; in 2012 will provide training for church nominating committees and other church officers)
- Offering videos, books, teaching materials for congregational and individual member use through the Presbytery's Resource Center



- Supporting groups of congregations who implement learning opportunities for ruling elders (example is the Thumb Ministry Group)
- Providing the Bi-Weekly Briefs so congregations can share their stories of ministry and worship fostering the connection of mutuality

## TOGETHER, WE STRENGTHEN CONGREGATIONS BY

- Facilitating strong pastoral leadership within local churches, including assisting churches when they are looking for a pastor
- Supporting congregations working through difficult situations
- Supporting new church development efforts (currently Trinity United in Flint and church building improvements)
- Facilitating the Commissioned Ruling Elder training program which ultimately provides churches with quality affordable pastoral leadership



## TOGETHER, WE SUPPORT PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BY

- Guiding men and women who are preparing for ministry via the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, including financial support for candidates
- Offering prayer support for pastoral leaders
- Providing scholarships to clergy for continuing education
- Providing financial assistance to clergy; sometimes in partnership with the Board of Pensions
- Providing counseling assistance to pastors facing challenging circumstances
- Developing leaders through opportunities to serve on committees of presbytery, synod, and General Assembly

## TOGETHER WE SUPPORT YOUTH BY GIVING GRANTS TO

- Camp Greenwood
- Youth Triennium
- Alma Youth Mix
- Alma College Chaplaincy Program
- Higher Education Ministry Programs at Saginaw Valley State University and Central Michigan University



## TOGETHER WE SUPPORT THOSE WITH HUNGER AND HEALTH NEEDS BY



- Providing staff support for implementation of the Mobile Health Fairs
- Two-Coins-A-Meal Program