

**REPORT TO CHURCH COUNCIL of  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SANTA ROSA, CA  
July 9, 2016**

**Name of Commission/Committee/Group:** Outreach & Service Commission, or O&S

**Members of the Commission/Committee/Group:**

Jennifer Dornbush (Co-Chair), Bill Dornbush (Co-Chair) Maurine Christ, John Creager, Andrea Davis, Jenny Hartman, Diane Jackson, Dian Jorgensen, Ruth Norman, Carmen Rapp, Susan Russel, Marsha Vas Dupre, Lindsey Kerr-staff

**Meetings are held** (when, where): Fourth Tuesday of each month at 4pm in the Carriage House.

**Purpose of the Commission/Committee/Group:** (If your group relates to one of the six areas of SHIFT, note that.)

O&S manages and implements the SHIFT of a Life of Risk-Taking Mission and Service, or a Shift from Internal Focus to External Focus, or from “serve us” to service.

Outreach & Service Commission focuses on implementing the Outreach Ministries of the church, including local and larger community ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy. We support local ministries such as FISH Food Collection and back-to-school supplies drive, and larger community ministries such as Volunteers in Mission trips for house rebuilding, Fair Trade products for justice for third world farmers, and support of our missionary, Paul Jeffrey.

**How does the purpose help fulfill the mission of FUMC?**

We inform our expression through social responsibility, and we provide opportunities for reaching out directly to all people in God’s love.

**What are your activities/ programs/ ministries/ accomplishments for the last year?**

- Fair Trade products: Selling fair trade products at cost as a justice project. We also use Fair Trade coffee for fellowship.
- FISH Food Collections: On the first Sunday of each month
- Volunteers in Mission trips to Weed, CA, in September, 2015, and Lake County, CA. in June, 2016, and planned for September, 2016
- Habitat for Humanity Faith Build house in Cotati where we contributed \$5000, and plan volunteer participation
- Back to School Supplies drive for The Living Room
- Socks, Underwear, and toiletries drive for the Homeless Services Center
- SHIFT opportunities for service are listed weekly in the Sunday announcements
- Greeting card collections are donated through Friends Outside to the county jail inmates.
- Nomadic shelter and safe parking programs reached out to homeless during the winter.
- Special offerings for local and international benefits, and for the UMC offerings.

In addition, we welcome other groups’ outreach and service programs which provide additional opportunities, such as United Methodist Women mission giving, the Community Garden, our Tuesday Night Spirit Café, and the Worship Commission relationship with Giffen Women’s Transitional House. We are ready to support and/or coordinate these other programs when requested.

**What are your goals and plans for the next year?**

We plan to continue our current programs as shown above and to add new ones as the opportunity is presented.

**What goals or benchmarks have you set to measure success/effectiveness?**

Fifty percent of our people are engaged in at least one act of service per year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Dornbush