



2016 Annual Report



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The Mission of Hands of Christ is to bring Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations together to meet the basic needs of children showing them Christ's love.

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Hands of Christ is a 501(c)3 organization, a validated ministry of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, and incorporated by the state of South Carolina.

MEMBER CHURCHES

Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
Aimwell Presbyterian Church
Beaufort Salem Presbyterian Church
Bethel Presbyterian Church
Cane Bay New Church Development
Edisto Island Presbyterian Church
First (Scots) Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian, Moncks Corner
Harbor View Presbyterian Church
Hebron-Zion Presbyterian Church
Hopewell Presbyterian Church
James Island Presbyterian Church
Johns Island Presbyterian Church
Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church
New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church
Palmetto Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island
Second Presbyterian, Charleston
St. James Presbyterian Church
Summerville Presbyterian Church
Sunrise Presbyterian Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Yeamans Park Presbyterian Church
Zion-Olivet Presbyterian Church

New Harmony Presbytery
Williamsburg Presbyterian Church



OUR PARTNERS

Thanks to the following organizations and companies for supporting us through grants or major discounts.



2016 Summary

Our 14th distribution season in the Lowcountry sent us well past the 45,000 mark of children served since we first began in 2003. In 2016 we served 4692 children from 2066 families. We could not have done it without the help of the most awesome of volunteers, over 1000, who served served children in five counties in the Lowcountry (Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Laurens, and Williamsburg counties) as well as at Thornwell in Clinton.

North Charleston became a special focus for two reasons. First, the Park Circle congregation was dissolved at their request by Charleston Atlantic Presbytery earlier in the year. Recognizing the need in the Park Circle area we were able to hold a distribution there even though there was no longer a congregation to host us. Volunteers from the many churches enabled us to pull this off. Secondly, we opened a second site in North Charleston as Zion Olivet relocated from downtown to share facilities with Advent Lutheran Church on Rivers Avenue. The single day distribution there went exceedingly well as members from both congregations were joined by many volunteers from our member churches.

The annual benefit concert was again uplifting and energizing as the choirs of Harbor View, James Island, and St. James again treated us to great music and worship. It was followed by a delicious spaghetti benefit supper.

The first week we were again blessed to have the youth mission team from Anchor Presbyterian Church Newtown, PA with Pastor Leah Miller as our guests! They were a great help with loading, unloading, setting up, and helping with the distributions. They also brought along youth and adult advisors from Woodside Presbyterian Church in Yardley, PA.

Thanks to our amazing Road Crew under the Direction of Operations Jim Frye. They traveled to every site to deliver supplies and clothes and oftentimes help lead the distribution effort. Our Road Crew expanded its membership both in order to lighten its load as well as to further along the paths of succession that time requires as it marches on.

The after-distribution fellowship meals were awesome and depending on the site we ate ribs, red rice, spaghetti, cole slaw, fresh fruit, fried chicken, smoked ham, pizza, chicken salad, tossed salad, lasagna, barbeque pork, and many other delicious items. The first half of our mission statement is to "bring Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations together." Besides working side by side, it is at these meals that friendships are further cemented.

We were blessed with financial resources from our member congregations, grants from the Exchange Club of Charleston and the sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina, and in-kind donations from Walmart and Fruit of the Loom. Kiawah Cares helped financially and brought volunteers to our distribution at Hebron Zion.

2016	STATISTICS			Families	Children
	Week #1				
Jul	Sat	23	Aimwell Presbyterian Church	83	170
	Mon	25	St. James Presbyterian Church	133	285
	Tues	26	Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church	34	121
	Wed	27	Edisto Presbyterian Church	65	164
	Thurs	28	Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church	61	139
	Sat	30	Bethel Presbyterian Church	123	279
	Week #2				
Aug	Mon	1	Yeamans Park Presbyterian Church	129	276
	Tues	2	First Presbyterian Church	99	243
	Wed	3	First Presbyterian Church	68	151
	Thurs	4	Williamsburg Presbyterian Church	80	138
	Thurs	4	Park Circle Presbyterian Church	148	367
	Fri	5	Park Circle Presbyterian Church	130	318
	Sat	6	Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church	124	318
	Week #3				
	Mon	8	Summerville Presbyterian Church	155	280
	Mon	8	Second Pres Presbyterian Church	108	272
	Tues	9	Second Pres Presbyterian Church	68	165
	Wed	10	New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church	40	91
	Thurs	11	Westminster Presbyterian Church	150	349
	Fri	12	Westminster Presbyterian Church	133	307
	Sat	13	Westminster Presbyterian Church	105	199
	Sat	20	Thornwell Home for Children	30	60
			Total	2066	4692



YEAR-BY-YEAR TOTALS

	Year	Families	Children
1	2003	406	1006
2	2004	609	1354
3	2005	815	1791
4	2006	1151	2390
5	2007	1001	2256
6	2008	1444	3318
7	2009	1776	3922
8	2010	1883	4220
9	2011	2096	4623
10	2012	1946	4354
11	2013	2022	4522
12	2014	1982	4491
13	2015	1889	4322
14	2016	2066	4692
	Totals	21086	47261

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

Mrs. Catherine Byrd, Chair, First (Scots) Presbyterian Church
Rev. Dr. Sidney Davis, Vice-Chair, Zion-Olivet Presbyterian Church
Mr. James Frye, Secretary-Treasurer, Westminster Presbyterian Church

At-large Members

Mrs. Odessa Brown, Edisto Presbyterian Church
Ms. Carolyn Lackey, Yeamans Park Presbyterian Church
Mr. James Parlor, Hebron-Zion Presbyterian Church
Rev. Vance Polley, Sunrise Presbyterian Church
Mr. David Savard, Second Presbyterian Church
Dr. Lee Sigmon, Sunrise Presbyterian Church

2016 STEERING COMMITTEE

Aimwell Presbyterian Church	Leslie Williams Holmes
Bethel Presbyterian Church	Martha Johnson
Cane Bay New Church Development	Charlie Harris
Edisto Island Presbyterian Church	Odessa Brown
First (Scots) Presbyterian Church	Catherine Byrd
First Presbyterian Church, Moncks Corner	Kyndra Buitenhuis
Harbor View Presbyterian Church	Sue Mathews
Hebron-Zion Presbyterian Church	F. Rene Garrett
James Island Presbyterian Church	Ann Carswell
Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church	Stephanie McCants
Palmetto Presbyterian Church	Vacant
Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island	Susan Roberts
Second Presbyterian Church	David Savard
St. James Presbyterian Church	Wanda Whaley
Summerville Presbyterian Church	Pam Cromer
Sunrise Presbyterian Church	Rebecca Sigmon
Westminster Presbyterian Church	Ann Froneberger
Williamsburg Presbyterian Church	Barney Easterling
Yeamans Park Presbyterian Church	Carolyn Lackey
Zion-Olivet Presbyterian Church	Sidney Davis
Executive Director	Jim Deavor
Director of Operations	Jim Frye
Financial Secretary	Arleen Stewart
Executive Director Emerita and Founder	Tammy Gregory Carter

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FY 2016 Income & Expenditures

Income		
Contributions from the churches	\$79,755.93	75.46%
Special Events	\$1,128.00	1.07%
Exchange Club of Charleston Grant	\$5,000.00	4.73%
Sisters of Charity Grant	\$3,000.00	2.84%
Other	\$16,804.45	15.90%
Total Income	\$105,688.38	
Expenses		
Business Expenses (Registration Fees)	\$51.85	0.06%
Contract Services (Insurance, etc.)	\$613.64	0.72%
Operations (Postage, software, hardware, etc.)	\$221.41	0.26%
New Clothing (includes taxes & freight)	\$72,252.00	84.75%
Used Clothing	\$293.51	0.34%
Bibles	\$5,151.36	6.04%
School Supplies	\$1,245.18	1.46%
Distribution Expenses	\$5,426.20	6.36%
Capital Equipment		
Total Expenditures	\$85,255.15	
Net	\$20,433.23	

Balance Sheet			
Accrual Basis	As of September 30, 2016		
ASSETS			
	Current Assets		
	Checking/Savings		
		Checking Account	84858.05
		Total Checking/Savings	84858.05
	Other Current Assets		
		Supply Inventory-Clothing New	42613.37
		Supply Inventory-Clothing Used	2248.50
		Supply Inventory-School Supplies	5620.41
		Supply Inventory-Bibles	1152.00
		Total Supplies Inventory	51634.28
		Total Other Current Assets	51634.28
		TOTAL ASSETS	136492.33
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
	Equity		
		Initial Capital Contribution	45146.44
		Unrestricted New Assets	81640.81
		Total Equity	9705.08
		TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	136492.33

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection has been an important concern of the Hands of Christ since its inception. At each of our distribution sites, prior to opening our doors each day, we review our child protection rules for the 40-100 volunteers that might be present:

1. No one-on-one contact with a child behind closed doors
2. Volunteers may not enter a changing area with children present, only parents of the child may do so
3. No inappropriate touching (e.g. hugs should be from the side and not the front; use “high fives” as a means of congratulations)
4. Report any suspicious incidents to a member of the leadership team of the site.

The great ends of the church are:

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
- The maintenance of divine worship
- The preservation of the truth
- The promotion of social righteousness
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world [F-1.0304]



Soli Deo Gloria!