

2008 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OFFERING GRANTS

The 2008 offering will focus on the concerns of youth and young women impacted by globalization, migration, unemployment, violence against women and the effects of HIV and AIDS on their lives and livelihood. Women in Guyana have been providing much of the leadership for advancing women's rights within the Caribbean region and beyond. With new understandings provided by the Guyana women, we can learn more about the issues that surround globalization around the world.

INTERNATIONAL GRANTS

Red Thread, Georgetown, Guyana

Red Thread's mission is to bring grassroots Guyanese women of African, Indian, and indigenous descent, across racial divisions by developing the skills, information, and other resources necessary to understand and contest the inequalities that oppress grassroots women through social activism. Red Thread has been influential in bringing about social change and empowerment of women in Guyana and presently coordinates the "Global Women's Strike" in Guyana in their struggle against globalization.

\$2500 is granted to Red Thread to support its empowerment of women across racial lines bringing together Guyanese women of African, Indian and indigenous descent to oppose inequalities in their society.

Marian Academy, Georgetown, Guyana

Marian Academy aims to develop in school communities a concern and respect for the welfare of others, along with respect for different cultures and racial diversity. Children are provided with a safe and happy environment in which to grow and develop to the best of their potential, so that they become self reliant and self-disciplined, interested and motivated in learning, and caring towards others

\$2500 is granted for the Marian Academy of Georgetown, Guyana to support its child development program in promoting respect for cultural and racial diversity in the community.

Caribbean Women's Health Association , Guyana/US-

Caribbean Women's Health Association, Inc. (CWhA) is an organization of Caribbean women in healthcare who share a commitment to improving access to health related services for at-risk populations, and to assist immigrants in adjusting to their new host environment. CWhA is dedicated to improving health services, transforming lives, strengthening families, building bridges across culturally diverse communities, and opening doors to citizenship.

\$2500 is granted for the Caribbean Women's Health Association to support its program to improve access to health related services primarily with new immigrants in the USA from Guyana and other Caribbean countries.

Haitian Women For Haitian Refugees Haitian Worker's Project , Haiti

Haitian Workers' Project (HWP) educates and organizes Haitian immigrants of the working class so that they understand their rights as workers and immigrants. By providing comprehensive and culturally sensitive programs that include popular education and adult literacy, this project counters worker exploitation and anti-immigrant policy, while examining the root causes of oppression.

\$3000 for the Haitian Worker's Project of the Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees to continue educating and organizing Haitian immigrant women through popular education and adult literacy models enabling understanding of theirs rights as workers and immigrants.

Women Of Hope Project , Afghanistan

The Women of Hope Project was established by women for women to restore hope and dignity to women who have been oppressed and denied personal freedom, health, opportunity, and respect in Afghanistan. The purpose is to increase awareness of the state of women's needs in Afghanistan, particularly as women struggle with daily life in cities and rural areas. Income-generating projects provide training programs and resources supporting daily food and food security needs, economic development opportunities, and vocational and business training.

\$2500 for the Women of Hope Project in Afghanistan to support the income-generating and training projects which lead to greater food security and economic sufficiency.

Sistren, Jamaica-

Sistren, a women's theater collective has for thirty one years used the performing and visual arts to agitate for transformation at the individual, family and community level throughout the Caribbean region and in many other parts of the world. Their program includes training, counseling, facilitating social dialogue on issues impacting communities, street theater and learning through the arts. Traditional and popular culture is used to promote self expression while bringing attention to issues such as violence against women.

\$2000 is granted to Sistren Theater Collective in Jamaica to further implement community action programs throughout various communities in Jamaica and in the region as they focus on economics and self-development for women.

The Solidarious Economy Project, El Salvador-

The Latin American country of El Salvador is considered to be one of the most violent and economically depressed nations in its region by the UN Economic Commission. El Salvador's high rate of women-headed households are full of women and children suffering from hunger, malnutrition, poverty, lack of education and unemployment. Estimates are that the daily migration of more than three hundred per day, out of the country and some going to the U.S. result in hundreds of youth in jails and joining gangs. The "Solidarious Economy project" formed by El Salvadorian women whose faith and understandings of the wisdom of God moves them to study and make a contribution to the changes needed in their society, through the development of seminars and training sessions with churches and communities on the issues of poverty, immigration, education, climate change, HIV and AIDS, health, food security, land rights, indigenous rights and older adults and rural peoples issues.

\$3000 is granted to Solidarious Economy Project to continue to work ecumenically with women and communities in churches seeking greater understanding of the issues in El Salvador and the global issues which impact their lives as they seek solutions.

Sem Fronteiras for the Rights of the Child-Brazil-

This cross cultural volunteer exchange program provides a way for people from many different countries to walk in the shoes of Brazil's many street children in Rio and in the small southwest Brazilian town of Betim and the impoverished people living in favelas (slums). Volunteers are placed at work sites that are centers or institutions working with street children with the aim of better understanding the social injustices and to participate in the work of transforming civil society when they return home. Volunteers leave the experience transformed and motivated to work towards more just societies wherever needed. Sem Fronteiras is working with 450 children in Betim and needs assistance with feeding and providing clean water for sanitation

\$2500 is granted to Sem Fronteiras for the Rights of the Child in Brazil Volunteer Project to provide assistance for 450 children in Betim, for feeding and providing clean water.

Leaf of Life Fund for Critically Ill Children, Jamaica

Leaf of Life Fund for Critically Ill Children (Leaf of Life) provides assistance to critically ill children throughout the

Caribbean. Leaf of Life ensures the children gain access to appropriate medical and support services who lack the means to obtain vitally needed treatment specifically, highly specialized medical assistance in the country of origin. Leaf of Life also provides follow-up services, which promote and support the children's continued progress.

\$2000 is granted to Leaf of Life Fund for Critically Ill Children in Jamaica to gain access to appropriate medical treatment and support services.

Comfort, Assist, Reach-Out Educate (C.A.R.E), Barbados

C.A.R.E , Barbados is the recognized national support organization for persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and those affected by the disease and are unique as the major support network for a specific group of persons who are stigmatized and ostracized by a large part of the society in which they live. C. A. R. E has implemented advocacy programs, expanded outreach efforts and developed innovative strategies leading to sustained changes in both behavior and attitude.

\$1000 is granted to C.A.R.E.Barbados, a support organization for persons living with HIV and AIDS for advocacy programs, outreach and strategies to change behavior and attitude.

UNICEF and Partners in Health Project, Cange Village in Haiti

UNICEF is working closely with Partners in Health in the Haitian Village of Cange providing community-based healthcare treating conditions like diarrhea, pneumonia, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and childbirth that often proves fatal. Given the devastation of the hurricanes in summer 2008, support is needed to care for thousands of children and their families to prevent infectious and easily treatable diseases. .

\$3000 for UNICEF and the Partners in Health Project (Zanmi Lasante in Haitian Creole) to provide community-based healthcare in the Village of Cange in Haiti.

Empowering Women to Make a Difference project, UMC Global Ministries, Monrovia, Liberia

This project brings together women leaders in West Africa Methodist and ecumenical churches to develop skills in peace-building and socio-economic and income generating opportunities in order to build on the strengths of women who have survived the devastating effects of war, economic inequalities, impact of HIV and AIDS and gender inequalities in the church and in society. Spiritual growth study will be central in this project's implementation.

\$3000 for the Empowering Women to Make a Difference program of Global Ministries in Monrovia, Liberia bringing together women leaders in West Africa churches to develop skills in peace-building.

International Indigenous Women's Forum, Madre, NY

This network of strong indigenous women leaders from Asia, Africa, and the Americas formed in 1985 to struggle to be respected in their communities and to increase the visibility and participation of indigenous women in local communities and in national and international forums where policies and decisions are made such as access to land and natural resources and availability of micro-credit roles.

\$2500 is granted to Madre for the Indigenous Women's Forum's trainings to develop strong indigenous women leaders in Asia, Africa and the Americas.

Mama Ndoyi Children Village, DR Congo-

This children's program in the Democratic Republic of Congo reaches out to needy street children in D R Congo, working with families and communities with the goal of reunification and re-entry into family life. Action for Vulnerable Children works to support this program through its base in North Carolina, where a small Congolese community lives and worships.

\$1500 for Mama Ndoyi Children Village to decrease the growing number of street children, both orphans and unaccompanied children, living on the streets of Kinshasa.

Adopt A Market, Liberia-

After fourteen years of catastrophic civil war, the number of households in Liberia headed by women has sharply increased. Lacking skills, education and employment options, these women often have no option but to sell in the marketplaces which at the end of the war were deplorable, with leaky structures, no sanitation facilities and no childcare. The Adopt A Market program which began in 2006 aims to improve market structures, provide sanitation, health facilities and nursery schools.

\$2500 for the Adopt A Market program to improve the market places in Liberia where thousands of women and children work and spend long days in order to support the family.

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Heifer International Women in Livestock Development Program, Arkansas

Women in Livestock Development Program is a part of Heifer International's Gender Equity Initiative. In many countries, women and girls find few opportunities for education and paying jobs. They have far less control over the family's income and resources than their brothers, fathers and husbands. School, a career and independence seem far out of their reach. That's why Heifer International established the Women in Livestock Development (WiLD) Initiative in 1988. The goal is to help women care for themselves, their families, the earth and each other.

\$2500 for the Women in Livestock Development Program of Heifer International's Gender Equity Initiative, aimed to increase opportunities for women and girl's education and jobs.

American Indian Community House , NY

AICH was founded by Native American volunteers as a community-based organization, mandated to improve the status of Native Americans, and to foster inter-cultural understanding. Since its inception, AICH has grown into a multi-faceted social support agency and cultural center. Native American migration between urban centers and reservations demonstrates the inter-relatedness of all Native Americans and from this reality emerges the recognition that our issues and concerns are truly shared

\$2500 is granted for the American Indian Community House community-based organization to improve the status of Native Americans and the issues of migration between urban centers and reservations.

Interfaith Worker Justice, Chicago, IL

Interfaith Worker Justice coordinates a network of local interfaith groups concerned with labor issues around the United States. IWJ calls upon basic moral values in order to educate, organize and mobilize the faith communities in the U. S. on issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits and working conditions for workers, especially workers in low-wage jobs, often migrant laborers, minority communities and new immigrants.

\$2500 is granted to Interfaith Worker Justice based in Chicago, IL for its work with faith communities on issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits and working conditions for migrant, minority and new immigrant communities.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Baltimore, MD

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services advocates for refugee and other migrants through a national network of affiliates, resettling refugees, reuniting families, promoting education and employment and providing support necessary for early and continuing self-sufficiency. In 2007, LIRS resettled 6425 refugees, the second largest of the 10 U.S. voluntary agencies handling this work in the USA. LIRS has specialized in resettling refugee children who come to this country without family members.

\$3000 is granted to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services for its advocacy, education and resettling work with refugee families and especially children.

St. Bridget's Catholic Church, Postville, IA

The St. Bridget Catholic Church and the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Postville, Iowa are struggling to assist the families of 390 Guatemalan and Mexican immigrants affected by an immigration raid on a meat processing plant. Hundreds of family members of those arrested have taken refuge inside St. Bridget's Catholic Church. Food, clothing, tutoring of children and legal services for each of the families is putting a strain on the churches in their attempt to assist the families in meeting basic needs.

\$2500 to the Center for New Community to assist the St. Bridget Catholic Church in feeding, clothing, tutoring of children and legal fees needed by families affected by the issues of immigration.

Farmworker Institute, NC Council of Churches, NC

The Farmworker Institute is a project of the North Carolina Council of Churches' Farmworker Ministry Committee advocating for labor rights for farm workers and immigrant workers. Not all immigrants are farmworkers and not all farmworkers are immigrants. Our agricultural system in the US has always relied on the labor of displaced and marginalized people and this ministry is concerned with their labor issues affecting the workers and their children.

\$2500 to North Carolina Council of Churches Farmworker's Ministry for its work with farmworkers and their families.

Grassroots Women Organizing Together, NY-

The Huairou Commission, coordinated in NY a global women's coalition includes GROOTS International (Grassroots Women Organizing Together), and consists of more than 11,000 grassroots women's groups and NGOs working together with public and private partnership agencies on the issues women face with housing and related factors. HIV and AIDS is one of the issues which the group has linked to the many issues that grassroots women in every part of the world are seeking solutions for as they support each other and the habitat issues that are related to the disease.

\$2500 is granted to Huairou Commission and GROOTS to support the scaling up of grassroots women's initiatives in addressing housing issues of women in cities and their advocacy work on HIV and AIDS as it relates to the issues of housing.

Women of First Presbyterian Church, Monticello, IA-

On the following day of hosting the World Day of Prayer Guyana service, the First Presbyterian Church in Monticello, IA was burned. The cause of the fire was determined to be arson. Though it was difficult, the women sent their offering to World Day of Prayer anyway.

\$1500 is granted in support of the women's ministry of First Presbyterian in Monticello, IA while in the process of rebuilding.

International Cross-Cultural Black Women's Studies Institute , NY-

Convening in different countries bi-annually, the Institute serves as a vehicle for cross-cultural sharing of women's knowledge and practical experiences. The International Cross-Cultural Black Women's Studies Institute, a global research and development network, is committed to the development of networks of women internationally and across-cultures working towards human rights, indigenous rights; economic development; peace and social justice for women.

\$1500 for International Cross-Cultural Black Women's Studies Institute for its global research on women and economic development.

Justice for Smithfield Campaign, United Church of Christ- -Cleveland, OH

Justice for Smithfield Campaign supports justice for workers at Smithfield Foods, urges members to become informed about working conditions at the meat packing plant and asks management to respect worker's rights to organize. The impact of economic globalization can be seen and felt at the North Carolina plant as its workers have come across borders from mostly Central America seeking jobs to support families. The United Church of Christ and other ecumenical bodies support the workers in their struggle to organize seeking freedom from violence in the workplace, safety in the workplace and appropriate medical care for their injuries, many of whom are women.

\$2500 is granted to the Justice for Smithfield Campaign of the United Church of Christ for its work in supporting worker justice especially for women.

The Women's Collective, Washington, DC

Led by women with HIV and AIDS, The mission of The Women's Collective is to meet the self-defined needs of women and girls and their families living with or at-risk for HIV and AIDS, reducing barriers to care and strengthening their network of support and services. Their services are peer-led, woman and girl focused, family centered and culturally appropriate.

\$2500 is granted to The Women's Collective of Washington, DC to support their services with women and girls that are living with or at risk for HIV and AIDS.

International Women's Tribune Center, NY

The International Women's Tribune Centre (IWTC) is an international non-governmental organization. With a commitment to empowering women and building communities, IWTC provides communication, information, education, and organizing support services to women's organizations and community groups working to improve the lives of women, particularly grassroots women, in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and Western Asia. The impact of globalization on communication and women is a key program initiative.

\$2500 is granted for the International Women's Tribune Center's program on women, globalization and communication.

Cape Cod Council of Churches, Hyannis, Mass

The Bridge to Hope program is a mentor training for women working with incarcerated women about to be released from prison to foster re-entry into their communities and families.

\$1500 is granted to the Bridge to Hope program of the Cape Cod Council of Churches, Hyannis, Mass to support mentor training to incarcerated women.

Directions For Our Youth, Bronx, NY

Directions for Our Youth (DFOY), works in the most troubled schools, the toughest neighborhoods and with the students most in need. The youth are low-income, at-risk mid and high school students oftentimes, they are on the verge of dropping out, failing out or tuning out. Most of the students are African-American and Hispanic, and most of them come from families who are eligible for the Federal free lunch program. Programs to encourage High School graduation and planning for the future are summer internships, summer employment, participation in International Youth Day events and advocacy on issues effecting youth.

\$3000 for Directions For Our Youth to support its programs to encourage High School graduation and future directions for school and employment for young people.

Center for New Community, Chicago, IL

The Center for New Community is a national organization committed to building community, justice and equality. The Center is grounded in many faith traditions and builds community where the dignity and value of

all humanity is manifest. The Revitalizing Congregations and Communities program develops congregations and parish-based community organizations to work for social and economic change in small cities and rural areas. ***\$3000 to the Center for New Community based in Chicago, IL to support congregational programs who are struggling for worker justice, dignity and respect in their communities.***

Global Action On Aging - NY

Global Action on Aging (GAA), reports on older people's needs and potential within the global economy and especially older women. It advocates by, with and for older persons worldwide and effectively through the United Nations processes. GAA carries out research on critical emerging topics and researches aging policy and programs, both in the US and worldwide such as income support, health access, and human rights through a gender lens, all of which are impacted by globalization and population migration.

\$3000 is granted to Global Action on Aging for its advocacy work lifting the needs of older women in income support, health access and human rights through a gender lens.

The Federation of Southern Cooperatives (GA, AL, MS)

The Federation in its thirty-five year history has successfully provided self-help economic opportunities and hope for many low-income communities across the South, many of whom are women-headed families. The Federation is, in fact, the only organization in the Southeast United States that has as its primary objectives the retention of black owned land and the use of cooperatives for land-based economic development.

\$2000 for the Federation of Southern Cooperatives work to educate communities on the issues of globalization, racism and migration and especially the impact on women.

New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault (NY, NY)

The mission of the New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault is to develop and advance strategies, policies and responses that prevent sexual violence and limit its destabilizing effects on victims, families and communities. Its program accomplishes this through research to document the extent of sexual violence in NYC and determine the effectiveness of current intervention and prevention efforts; education about the devastating aftermath of sexual violence and opportunities for its prevention; advocacy for responsive policy development and legislative action with public officials and service providers.

\$1500 is granted for the New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault to further its education and advocacy work on sexual violence in families.