



ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

Global Mission Committee Work in 2016-17

Overseas Schools

We helped organize financial support for the Hope & Resurrection School (about \$20,000) and the St. Saviour School (about \$15,000) from several sources:

- The Global Mission Committee budget
- Mustard Seed collections
- A WSA grant
- The Gala

Members of the Committee also made in-kind contributions to the schools: 30 books for St. Saviour School, and many items for the Gala silent auction.

Olive Oil Ministry

We sold approximately \$4500 in olive oil products for the ecumenical Olive Oil Ministry, which had total sales of \$46,000 (of which \$19,000 was contributed to the Tent of Nations).

Refugees

We provided financial and social support for local Syrian refugee families:

- We raised more than \$4000 for emergency needs at a lunch last July
- We sponsored 2 Water-into-Wine collections: Giant gift cards and diapers
- Syrian guests attended the Thanksgiving Dinner
- Syrian guests attended the Christmas Dinner
- We invited a speaker from No One Left Behind for a Sunday forum
- We started weekly visits to the Owais family
- We delivered 9 Ramadan gift baskets on behalf of the Muslim Women's Coalition

Immigrants

We expressed our concern for immigrants by:

- Holding a January "First Wednesday" dinner with speakers from Kids in Need of Defense
- Publishing a statement on sanctuary
- Attending the launch and the monthly meetings of Sanctuary DMV
- Organizing a 3-week forum series on sanctuary

Misc. Prayer, Education, & Interfaith Activities

We participated in many other events: the Interfaith Unity Walk, a Cristosal Foundation Meeting, the Bethlehem Simulcast Service, a First Wednesday Dinner, the Voices from the Holy Land Film Series, the Global Day of Prayer for Victims of Famine, a speech by Mother Harriet Baka, and a commemoration of the Rwandan Genocide.