Mission Pod Updates:

Mission Pod leaders work together to divide up budget money we are allocated. All leaders work well to make sure the money is divided up and allocated to help out Ministry Teams/Groups get what or close to what they need. We also make recommendations to each other how we may find other money to supplement budgeted monies. Some of our groups have applied for the Presbyterian Women’s grants made available each year as supplement funds. We work to support each other and promote each other’s group/team.

Groups represented on the Mission Pod are Bdecan Ministry Team, Clearwater Forest, Chogoria Ministry Team, Earth Care, Presbyterian Women, Self Development of People, University of Jamestown, and Youth Connection.

I try to connect and support each group as I can. Check out the reports from some of the groups in the meeting material. Here is some of the information that was shared during email exchange that we used this year to do our budget:

**Youth Connection**: they have lost 3 members due to them taking other jobs and leaving their positions as Youth Leaders. They had to cancel events due to covid and decided not to do in person retreats. They tried a zoom retreat in April but wasn’t well attended but those who were on it, had a great time and were spiritual recharged. They will try to reorganize after the New Year and are looking for more people to be on their team. If you are interested, contact Kayla Bones at [**kbones@firstpresfargo.org**](mailto:kbones@firstpresfargo.org)**.**

**Clearwater Forest:** Due to covid, all in person camps were cancelled. They did have a virtual camp. The staff also worked throughout the summer doing projects throughout the camp. They broke ground for their capital project of building a new Dining Hall.

**Chogoria Ministry Team:** see their report.

**Bdecan Ministry Team**: See Rosie Helland’s detailed report. If you haven’t heard, Joe Obermeyer felt it was time to move on and Rosie and Bob Helland have taken over as youth and outreach coordinators. The Team received much support this summer. We received a credit of $2,000 at Great Plains Food bank from anonymous donor who wanted to support all Native American food pantries that Great Plains provides food to. We received a lot of USDA food which didn’t cost any money so our pantry money has gone much farther. Plus we have received donations for our donor restricted food pantry line item. God has been good in providing for the Ministry at Bdecan Presbyterian Church this year and esp. this summer. Thanks for all you donate to this ministry. We are looking for more people to join our team, if interested contact Donna Preston at [preston@gra.midco.net](mailto:preston@gra.midco.net) or [preston@cord.edu](mailto:preston@cord.edu).

**University of Jamestown:** Monies are used to help with ministry of the Campus Pastor, Candace Adams, her ministerial leadership provides pastoral care and counseling, plans and executes meaningful programming and offers a prayerful presence on the campus. During covid pandemic, this has been especially needed.

**Earth Care:** This team has not met this year and looks ahead to the New Year to try and reorganize.

Your Unified Mission dollars support these 6 teams. Presbyterian Women is a support also for these 6 teams and helps get the word out. Self Development of People uses PCUSA dollars to help groups start new programs. PW and Self Development of People do not receive any unified mission money. If your church has not sent in their unified mission monies this year, please consider sending them in this last quarter of the year. The groups continue to support and partner with their ministry agencies. Your dollars are what keeps the mission and partnerships alive and well. Thanks for all your support of our Ministry teams.