

Annual Report 2008 Outreach Committee for 2009 Budget
St. Louis Association, Missouri Mid-South Conference
United Church of Christ

Outreach Committee began work last fall. The application for funding was updated on the website. A notice was placed in the Courier advising ministries associated with the United Church of Christ, St. Louis Association of the opportunity to apply for funding. After the proposed budget was accepted at the fall St. Louis Association meeting, a letter was sent to each ministry that received funding advising them of the amount of money they could expect in 2008. At that time, they were reminded to obtain an application for funding for 2009 from the website or from the St. Louis Association office. In addition, the ministries were advised the deadline for submission of applications was March 1, 2008.

Eight applications were received, and one application was received from a ministry not previously funded. The new ministry requesting funding was Nurses for Newborns. Outreach Committee met in February to orient new members, discuss procedure, and establish guidelines for funding. At the March meeting, site visits were assigned. Site visits were made to eight ministries. The committee met in May to discuss site visits, review applications, and make recommendations for allocating funds. St. Louis Association Council directed us to budget \$144,000 for distribution for the year 2009. The amount of funding has remained unchanged since 2005.

On June 5th, Sue Stohr (Chairperson), Marsha Ramey, and Paul Cook presented the Outreach Committee's recommendation for funding to the St. Louis Association Council. At this meeting, St. Louis Association Council stated that if Nurses for Newborns did not have a dedicated UCC seat on their Board of Directors they did not qualify for funding. The Executive Director of NFNF was made aware they did not meet funding requirements because there was no dedicated seat on their Board for a UCC person. One ministry's application was received late, but St. Louis Association Council voted to fund them.

2008 Outreach Committee members were Sue Stohr (Chairperson), Rev. Barbara Patten, Nancy Mack, Marsha Ramey, Bonnie Paulsmeyer, and Paul Cook. Sandy Muller attended each meeting as representative from St. Louis Association Council. Paul Cook will be Chairperson for the year 2009.

Sue Stohr, Chairperson, 2008 Outreach Committee