AFUMC Outreach Committee
Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2026

Present: Diana Carter, Bob Castle, Mary Church, Rev. Pat DuPont, Andy Dutcher, Robyn Gage, Jonathan Carroll-Nellenback, Dawn Riedy and John Smalt.

Devotion: Diana read from Luke 10.

Minutes: February 2026 Minutes were amended with correct date and approved.

Undesignated Outreach Funding Requests:

- Pune Sevasadan Society – submitted by Robyn; $800 requested to purchase a printer for the Proudh Prashala School. Approved by unanimous vote for $1,000 with additional $200 to be used for supplies.
- Keeping Our Promise– submitted by Cindy Malone for $5,000 to provide resettlement support for wartime allies. Approved by unanimous vote with the understanding that KOP may submit another request if funds are needed for their summer camp program.

Asbury First's Updated Financials: Dawn will email members February financials as soon as they are available. Thus far in 2026, no funds have been granted to off-campus ministries leaving a balance of $18,679.52.

Campus Overnight Neighbors: Rev. Pat and Diana attended the recent Governing Board meeting, of which Dawn and Jonathan are members, to discuss the ongoing issue of neighbors sleeping on the porches of 1010 and 1050 East Ave. A sub-committee is addressing this and church members complaining about it will be invited to join the task force. Progress is being made but it is slow. Bob encouraged members to read the Rochester City Council President Miguel A. Meléndez Jr's report on the State of Homelessness in Rochester. The full report (390 pages) is very comprehensive. Diana and Mike will be leading a book study on *Rough Sleepers* in May.

Church Van: Diana spoke with churches receiving grocery bags about vans. Recommendations were to limit drivers and park van in secure lot.

Pastoral Report:

- The three social work interns are a big help. One is rotating off in April, one in May and another in the spring of 2027.
- The ADCC brought in a new DCC Associate Ru Taylor.
- Rev. Pat is working with the City of Light to identify potential grants.
- Clayton will be helping with an ambassador program to help neighbors get involved in the ministry
- Rev. Michelle was contacted by a high school student who is interested in ministry in Ghana and is seeking support.
- An upcoming Family Promise fundraiser will be advertised in the Sunday bulletin.
- Rev. Pat hopes that Michelle Layher may be full time in the future.
- Bonnie Kay has asked if outreach is interested in providing lunches on Earth Day, April 25th. Rev. Pat will see if the youth might be interested as a fundraiser for their mission trip.
- Volunteer Training TBD.

Planning Retreat Notes:

- By-laws – committee to meet next week.
- Meeting with ministry leaders – in progress.

- Policy on “banning” – committee is working on this.

Next Meeting: Next meeting April 21, 2026.

Closing Prayer: Led by Rev. Pat.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robyn Gage