

First Congregational church of Rochester
Annual Meeting

Missions Commission Report 2025

Missions Commission Members in 2025 are Rose Seeger, Melanie Mingus and Sue Beach.

Missions held two Rummage Sales in 2025. The Spring Rummage Sale in May, Memorial Day weekend and the Fall Rummage Sale in September during Day in the Country.

Spring Rummage Sale raised **\$1153.50**, which was divided equally between Love Inc and TLC (Transitional Living Center). They were presented their gift of \$825 each in person.

Fall Rummage Sale raised **\$2545** which was divided equally between Love Inc and TLC (Transitional Living Center) and gifted \$1,272.50 each in person.

Missions served 5 meals at Love, Inc. in 2025. Each time we served approximately 28-30 individuals. In 2026, we are planning to serve 6 meals. Lisa Hilgenberg and Sue Pope will be leading those meals and asking for volunteers to help with side dishes. We are fortunate to have many of our church members volunteer for this rewarding mission.

Operation Christmas Child was once again an amazing mission by our church. The crafting group filled 150 shoeboxes due to our ability to make gifts for children, beginning in February of 2025. The crafting group met every other Friday to create items for "Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes. No sewing was needed to be part of this group. We worked as a team to assemble book bags, pencil bags, clothes, bead kits, games and more. The other 37 shoeboxes were packed by our generous church members. **We totaled 187 shoeboxes in all!** **AMAZING!!!** And several of you donated shipping costs which came to **\$447**. **Thank you to all of you!**

I followed 2 of our boxes which went to 2 different countries; Malawi, which is in Southern Africa near Zambia and Tanzania and shipped December 3rd. The other box traveled to Trinidad and Tobago, the southern most island in the West Indies, and was shipped December 18th.

Once again we will continue the crafting group this year that will begin February 6th, 2026 and every other Friday thereon until the packing party in October. Melanie Mingus will lead this group. Everyone who wants to help is welcome and a salad lunch is provided, as well as fellowship.

Through "Adopt A Family" program at Love, Inc, our church adopted 3 local families with gifts for the holiday season. We all helped those families have a blessed and special Christmas. Thank you notes from our families are being posted on the bulletin board near the entry door.

Thank you to everyone who supported the missions events in 2025. Thank you for your time, talents and treasure, as it is the volunteers who makes these events a great success.

Submitted by
Sue Beach

