

MISSION SERVICE COMMITTEE, a sub-committee of Church & Society
Annual Report 2010

In 2010, the Mission Service Committee continued to organize trips and local projects to give FPC members and friends opportunities to improve the quality of life for people near and far and to educate themselves about the daily realities for people living in circumstances different from their own.

Two mission service trips were successfully completed: to Peru in February and to Ghost Ranch in September –

- The trip to Peru was a first, and was facilitated by The Rev. Jed Koball, a PC(USA) mission co-worker who was known to several people from the FPC mission service trips to Nicaragua. In Peru, Jed escorted the group high into the Andes (13,500 feet) to visit and work with a village of textile artisans and alpaca and sheep farmers.
- The trip to Ghost Ranch – PC(USA)'s conference center in New Mexico – was the third one for an FPC group, and this time all the work was done at the Ranch itself. The group augmented the efforts of the maintenance staff to help compensate for the budget constraints facing the Ranch.

Two other trips were planned but had to be cancelled: to Mexico in January and to Haiti in July. The trip to Mexico didn't attract enough people to make it practicable. In the case of Haiti, our host could not accommodate us because of a conflicting responsibility.

The local work projects on Saturdays included Habitat for Humanity, the soup kitchen at the Cardinal Spellman Center, and completing the painting of the church fence.

The 2009 trip to Haiti had such an impact on the participants that we set up a fund to sponsor a food program at a Haitian school. In 2010 we provided \$8000 to feed 1000 kids a hot lunch for the entire school year. Five thousand dollars was provided through church benevolence. To many of these children this is their only substantial meal of the day. To date we have sent over \$18,000 to support the set up of the program and daily meals for two years.

The Committee plans to continue organizing trips and Saturday projects in 2011.

The following people served on the Mission Service Committee during 2010:

Denise Jackson	Grania Marcus
Aurora Jones-Owens	Georgia Pease
Betty Jones	Richard Pease
Logan Kennedy	Kurt Regush
Richard Korchak	Rita Rochford
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Respectfully submitted,
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