



## Report of Recent Activities July 30, 2025

### ***International Justice Committee***

Chair: Sheila Ward

Committee members: Deborah Novgorodoff, Debby Sublett, Mary Goodwin, Arlene Tuttle, Dennis Neyman, Carolyn Dean, Carrie Thonen

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#### **The central purpose of this group is to:**

- o Educate our own community on issues of social and environmental justice.
- o Take action toward a more equitable division of life resources across the world.

#### **Kenya Education and AIDS Program**

We have three students we are continuing to support in Kenya:

- Eton graduated at the top of his auto mechanic class, completed his 3-month apprenticeship, and is now working for a small company.
- Fredrick is expected to graduate from university in December 2025. He has completed his student teaching requirement earning high marks and praise from his mentors.
- Christine has completed her first year at university studying International Relations.

We have retained our caretaker and bookkeeper on a part time basis until end of Dec 2025 in order to help the remaining students get employment, and to show our appreciation for their years of service. Sponsors Debby Sublett and Vernon Cook will continue to support Christine until she graduates.

KEAP will be formally phased out as of December 31, 2025.

#### **Cofan Survival Program**

- Secured a \$10,000 grant from the Sisters of Charity Nazareth that will be awarded in Sept 2025.
- Raised \$1,200 from Sunday Service vegetable sales. Vegetables provided by Debby Sublett and Vernon Cook.
- Sent a total of \$20,000 to Cofan Survival Fund for Seguro Campesino (medical support program) December 2025

- Submitted and received \$3,500 from the All Peoples Endowment Fund for \$3,500 for a vision screening project, which is planned for November, 2025.
- Generated \$370 from Christmas card sales, December 2024.
- Currently planning 2025 trip to Cofan territory to offer vision screening and teaching Cofan people to conduct vision screenings in November 2025.
- Held a Sponsor Appreciation gathering at the home of Sheila Ward and Phil Adkins on Jan 12.
- Raised \$921 from Share the Plate on Jan 12, 2025.

### **Days for Girls (DfG)**

- Created a new DfG poster for public display
- Members of the DfG Sewing Team had a one-day educational booth at the Kentucky State Fair
- Distributed 40 washable period kits in a high school in the Philippines in partnership with University of Louisville Honors Program
- Share the Plate raised \$804 for sewing supplies
- Applied for \$2,000 from Louisville Rotary Club—pending
- Received \$190 from All Peoples Chalice Circle
- Met with WaterStep VP of International Missions to discuss partnership in Papua New Guinea to provide 300 period kits for distribution at a school.
- Sent 1,743 components to DfG regional distribution center in Pittsburg. Components are the items that comprise the Days for Girls Period kits.

### **Immigration Justice**

- Sponsored a Congolese family of 11 in September 2024 including a donation of \$3,000 to Kentucky Refugee Ministries for the first 2 months rent, food, etc.
- Partnered with the Bonnycastle Homestead Association to sponsor a furniture drive for Kentucky Refugee Ministries incoming families.
- Held a congregation/community meeting March 11 at All Peoples focusing on deportation crisis. 35 people attended. Funding for the program came from the Capital Campaign “Programing” fund.
- Organized March 23 Sunday Service focused on immigration
- Created a new budget category designated for Immigration Justice to generate funds to help families affected by deportations.
- Donated \$1,500 to three charities directly involved with supporting immigrant families threatened by deportation in Louisville with money from Immigration Justice fund.

**Other** Sponsored March 8 Italian Dinner for All Peoples Annual Auction

