

From Our Pastor – AUGUST 2017 MISSION SUNDAY

While we are still worshiping in Swain Hall with access to our technological advantages, on August 6, 2017, I am going to do a dialogue sermon live with our missionary in Guatemala, the Rev. Leslie Vogel. The whole experience will be interactive, providing the congregation the opportunity to ask questions of her and to answer any questions that she may have for all of us.



As you know, the congregation voted to increase our mission giving by 1% of the annual budget every year for ten years, until our mission giving represented a tithe of our annual budget. This is the second year of that responsibility and our commitment is 2%, or roughly \$4,000. What better Sunday to focus on our mission responsibilities than when we are able to visit the mission field right from a shared worship experience!

We are enclosing a Global Mission envelope for your own devotional use. This is not to replace our own normal patterns of giving, but to supplement them. The envelope may serve as a reminder to pray for Leslie and others who work far beyond the boundaries of our own comfort zones, and it may serve to remind us to plan ahead for the gift that we want to make to Global Mission.

The envelopes may be returned any time before the end of 2017 - either by mailing them to the church office, or adding them to your Sunday offering during a celebration of worship.

August 6th is also a communion Sunday. It will be an exciting time to celebrate together our spiritual connections to the Church of Jesus Christ in this world and in the next.

With gratitude and praise,

David