

MINUTES FOR OUTREACH MEETING, March 2, 2026

Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Mary Parish, Burlington, WI

In attendance: Karen Alby, Bonnie Erickson, Eileen Gabriel, Dick Miller, and Linda Schiestle

From: Eileen Gabriel, Outreach Chairperson

The meeting opened with a prayer

New Business:

A. New charitable non-profit agency additions to the Outreach composite list.

Reports were delivered by the membership present on potential new non-profit agencies following their research and implementing vetting guidelines. Those agencies that were identified as suitable for addition to our composite list of acceptable charity agencies are the following:

Local:

1. **Elementary Essentials Closet and Cooper Closet will be clumped with Demon Closet and Karcher Cupboard.** All of these in-school pantry resources are managed by the Burlington Area School District. When selected, the school district will be instructed that the money donated can be utilized in any of its schools with a student pantry. Distribution of donated monies will be at their discretion.

State:

2. **Bethel House**, 133 S. Franklin St., Whitewater, WI 53190
3. **Bridge Food and Diaper Bank** (Walworth County Food Pantry, Inc), 205 E. Commerce Ct., Elkhorn, WI 53121

National:

4. **Aid for Women**, 8 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60603
5. **St. Paul Outreach (SPO)** 2520 Lexington Ave., Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Global:

6. **Educate Uganda**, P.O. Box 540095, Omaha, NE 68154

B. Selection of Recipients for the Outreach collection on the weekend of 3/28-3/29

The following recipients were selected for the next Outreach collection:

Local – 100% to **The Burlington Senior Center**, 587 E. State St., Burlington, WI 53105

State – 50% to **Life Connections**, 801 N. Rochester St., Mukwonago, WI 53149

50% to **Open Arms Free Clinic**, P.O. Box 678, Elkhorn, WI 53121

National – 50% to **Capuchin Soup Kitchen**, 4390 Conner St., Detroit, MI 48215

50% to **The Word Among Us**, 7115 Guilford Dr. Suite 100, Frederick, MD 21704

Global- 50% to **Catholic Relief Services**, 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201-3443

50% to **Wings of Hope**, 18370 Wings of Hope Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 64005

Additional Business:

The committee members were reminded that within the month of March, they will be receiving a new composite list of acceptable, vetted charities. From this composite list, the committee members will vote to narrow down a focus group for the next 12 months. Each geographical category will have 8 targeted agencies that we will use to make our selections at the next 4 Outreach meetings. The members were instructed that at the latest, they will need to return their list of choices by Tuesday, April 7th.

Meeting closed with a group prayer.

Next meeting is May 4, 2026, at 6:00pm in Heim Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Gabriel, Outreach chairperson