

Social Justice & Mission Committee

Diocese of Algoma

Here's what's happening around the Diocese:

International Programs

Community Education Services ([CES](#)):

Primarily CES provides scholarship funds for eligible students.

Sponsor Child, Sponsor Refugee Family or Orphanage

Churches provide funds to support a child, family, or a whole orphanage.

World Wide Disasters

Many churches host *spontaneous* events to raise funds responding to world disasters –

e.g. Haiti, Japan, Pakistan. [PWRDF](#), Red Cross and [World Vision](#) are recipients of the funds.

Operation Shoebox

Many churches participate in the [Samaritan's Purse](#) Christmas Shoebox event.

Environmental Practices

Standard Practices

Using blue boxes to recycle what is allowed in the area- cans, plastic, paper, batteries;
increasing use of real dishes and cutlery; serving Fair Trade Coffee; composting of food scraps; environmentally-friendly cleaning products; save paper with monthly bulletins;
Power Point for church services; collecting soup labels, eyeglasses, used stamps.

Renovation Projects

Energy efficient windows, composting toilets, solar panels, energy-saving light bulbs and timers on lights.

Scrapping Metal and Materials

Redeeming metal for money and using old clothes for quilts.

Community Programs

Teen Lunch Program

Weekly, during the school year, high school students receive a free, nutritious lunch.

Integrated Weekly Evening Meal

A diverse group of about 25 - 30 people from the community, with different abilities, have a Sunday evening meal at the church.

Café at Farmers Market

Church serves coffee and treats at weekly market.

Back to Basics

A partnership with the school and church to provide safe, fun after-school programs for young children.

Saturday Breakfast Meal

Churches of different faiths offer a breakfast meal for those who would benefit. Each church is responsible for one Saturday per month. Location varies by church..

Weekly Meals

Friday night “[Out of the Cold](#)” meals; Sunday Breakfast Meal; Minister regularly serves breakfast at local school.

Fresh Food

In the church garden, fresh produce is grown to provide food for those in need.

Second Hand Shops

Provide inexpensive clothing and house-wares.

Christmas Cards/Stamps for Prisoners

Each prisoner receives two Christmas cards with stamps to send to loved ones.

Prayerful Gifts

Churches make gift bags of useful toiletries, scarves, mittens and hats. Many churches knit, crochet and/or quilt prayer shawls.

Soup Kitchens; Food Bank Collections; Food Bank Church

Churches provide teams to serve in soup kitchens; churches regularly hold food drives and collections for local food bank; churches serve as the food bank or food cupboard.

Coffee Klatches

Partnering with other churches to host a "coffee klatch" at community center for the public.

Good conversation and refreshments.

Low Income Apartments

Church manages affordable housing for those on low income.

Education Programs

Presentations on mission work in different parts of the world; [Alpha](#), [Divorce Care](#) and [Divorce Care for Kids](#); Young Peoples' Recycling Education program, Caring for Creation and Young Peoples' Plastic Bottle Challenge.

Funding Source/Budget Line Items

Church receives applications from the community for funds. As part of the budget, money is allocated to missions.