

April 26, 2010

Dear Members,

In February, your council approved a new plan for social action. We have titled this plan “The Moses Project: A Year of Reflection, Action, and Celebration.” Building on a study of Moses, we will undertake a discussion of our church’s role in social action.

Discussing social action may create excitement for some, apprehension for others. With the diverse nature of our congregation, we will likely have many views on what to do. Nevertheless, we are a church with common values and a common faith. Through reflection, discussion, and study, we will intentionally seek to select a specific social action that will be a unifying activity for our congregation.

Why bother? Our denomination and our church have a history of social action. From standing up for the captive Africans of the Amistad, to standing up for LGBT rights, to caring for the homeless, to advocating for the environment, we have been involved in social action. In the Moses Project, we will seek to identify a path that will allow our congregation to demonstrate its faith and continue in this tradition. We will select a social action that embodies our calling as a church.

Attached you will find invitations to the “burning bush parties” where we will begin our reflection process to determine what social action organization we will select as a partner in our endeavor. At the same time, we will also do some fun and enjoyable community building.

In closing, let’s join together in the Moses Project. Our congregation will benefit, and our society will benefit.

Sincerely,

John Fite, moderator

Bert Martin, vice moderator