

National Philoptochos Society 2016-2018 Committee Report



Orthodox Christian Missions and Support A Mission Priest

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To spread the teachings of Christ and carry the message of the Orthodox Church throughout the world inspires a chapter to fulfill the commitments for **Orthodox Christian Missions** and **Support A Mission Priest (SAMP)**. Each chapter determines the amount it will give to support and strengthen missionary outreach programs. The financial assistance of National Philoptochos enables mission organizations and priests to build and restore churches, community centers, schools and medical facilities and to participate in the training, teaching, and field management of mission projects.

In 2016, National Philoptochos gave financial assistance for:

- \$24,400 to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) for a women's mission trip to Kenya and Albania
- \$32,000 to Support a Mission Priest (SAMP) for general support of mission priests

In 2017, National Philoptochos donated to the following missionary programs:

Orthodox Christian Missions

- \$15,000 for the Guatemala Health Care Team for medical supplies
- \$10,000 towards the matching grant for missionary training and equipment for new missionaries in Guatemala
- \$5,000 for missionary work in Tanzania (St. Barbara Church in Santa Barbara, CA)
- \$7,000 for St. Nicholas Children's fund in Uganda to provide the education and health needs of ten girls for one year
- \$8,000 to Orthodox Christian Network for eight episodes of "This Week in Orthodoxy"

Support A Mission Priest (SAMP)

- \$36,000 to benefit 60 mission priests at \$600 each for a full year