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Mutual Mission Team
Report to 2022 Spring Stated Meeting
Diane Watkins and Bob Bell, Co-Chairs

Our Mutual Mission ministry has been a treasured part of our presbytery for over 40 years. The phrase “Mutual Mission” has referred to a partnership with churches in Jamaica known as Jamaica Ecumenical Mutual Mission (JEMM). In past years, the breadth of our “Mutual Mission” ministry has expanded to include relationships with churches and presbyteries in Cuba. Many of us have contributed to these ministries over the years financially and with prayerful support and hands-on participation. There have been life-giving medical and dental trips and travel to build and nurture precious relationships with believers in different contexts who love and serve the Lord Jesus.

Currently there are nine individuals who serve on the Mutual Mission Team. Their responsibility is to oversee the ministry and raise funds and awareness. Since March 2020, traditional plans and trips have been interrupted. Nevertheless, ministry has continued with prayer and funding of the ministry of our partners.

Our Mutual Ministry Team has not been as active as it was at one time, but it continues to discern the future of this ministry. It continues to be in partnership with believers in Jamaica and Cuba. The funding JEMM needs continues, though with lower amounts due to funding limitations.

We are most excited and hopeful to share that a presbytery team may travel to Cuba late in 2022 or in 2023!

If you are interested in hearing more about travel to Cuba, in learning more about Mutual Mission, or in serving on the Mutual Mission Team, please contact one of our co-chairs: Diane Watkins (First Fernandina Beach), at dswatkins326@gmail.com or Bob Bell (First Perry), at bnbell@fairpoint.net, or the chair of our Nominating Team, Patti Phillips, at pat.phillips466@gmail.com.

May grace abound in all places and at all times as we serve our Lord together!