

MISSION AND OUTREACH STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The Mission and Outreach Team has discussed at great length over several meetings and reluctantly agrees with the benevolence giving as entered in the 2019 budget. We pray that this is a temporary level to meet a short term need to balance the budget. It does meet our commitment to sharing ten percent of our projected “envelope” receipts. As God leads us, we pray that future budgets will grow and allow us to increase our “cash” giving again.

We are in full support of increasing the amount of the “in-kind” contribution to the TLC Early Learning Center as we believe it does more accurately represent the value of what TLC provides for the Center. We are also in full support of accurately recognizing in our budget that the TLC/ELC is by far our biggest mission partner.

We are comforted in knowing that the benevolence budget is not our only support for the many organizations listed in our budget. TLC Volunteers provide countless hours of service. We also encourage members to individually support those organizations to which they are personally called. Mission of the Month programs will continue as we seek to connect TLC members with meaningful ways to serve in Bloomington and beyond.

The team also hopes to explore the idea of encouraging new growth by providing seed money to new organizations or new programs within existing organizations for defined periods of time as they get their footing. The \$5000 currently allocated for Misc. Benevolence is the fund that may be used for this purpose.