

Criteria for Mission Box Support at St. Luke's United Methodist Church

- Does the organization have overt Christian mission?
- Does the organization serve the least of these?
- Does the organization have other reliable sources of funds, i.e. insurance reimbursements, lots of giving in the course of their work?
- Does the organization have unique role of ministry that no one else in the community is providing?
- How well does this organization fit with the focus and direction of the mission goals for St. Luke's?
- Does this organization have St. Luke's congregants who are passionate and engaged in giving (money, volunteering, advocacy) to this ministry?
- Does this organization have the potential to offer St. Luke's congregants opportunities for meeting the stranger in need and help them learn in our school of love?
- Overall, do we want to fund a small number of organizations in a substantial way or do we spread our funding out among many with less of an impact?
- Overall, do we want organization to be able to count on us year to year or do we want to vary our giving over the years?
- Do we need to have a good idea of service rendered and financial need before we are able to make a funding decision? Are they responsive to our need for information?
- What organizations do we think our congregation as a whole wants to support with their giving?
- Does this item increase the congregation's United Methodist connection?