



# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

## COMMITTEE CRITERIA AND PREFERENCES FOR GIVING

As the committee tasked with charitable outreach to the community beyond Overbrook Presbyterian Church, the Mission and Outreach Committee receives many requests for charitable donations. We appreciate the funds that Overbrook and other donors entrust to us for this purpose, and we take our stewardship of these funds seriously. Most of the Committee's donations are given to each recipient at regularly scheduled times during the year, following decisions made in our annual budget planning each fall. We do retain a contingency sum to allow for possible budget changes and unanticipated giving opportunities.

The Mission and Outreach Committee believes it is helpful to establish and publicize the criteria and priorities we have developed for determining what are appropriate uses of the Mission and Outreach funds. Doing so helps us focus on our purpose, and may help avoid confusion and possible disappointment about our funding decisions. We have established these criteria following input from the congregation, the Session, Pastor, and Mission and Outreach Committee members. These criteria can change in the future as interests and perspectives evolve among the Overbrook community.

Our chief criterion is that our giving should reflect the words and example of our Lord Jesus Christ, particularly his emphasis on caring for "the least of these"—those who are the most in need. Additionally, just as we strive to be transparent and accountable in our use of Mission and Outreach funds, we expect our recipients also to be transparent and accountable with the funds donated to them.

Following these two general principles, we have established the following preferences for our Committee's donations:

- Initiatives stemming from Overbrook Presbyterian Church itself, including initiatives forwarded by our Pastor, Session, and the Mission and Outreach Committee.
- Charities and causes historically supported by Overbrook Presbyterian Church.
- Organizations that address community needs, especially those with limited funding sources.
- Current needs of a critical nature, particularly those stemming from causes supported by members of Overbrook Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church USA.
- Charitable causes associated with the broader Presbyterian Church, first within the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and secondarily causes sponsored by the General Assembly.