



Gathering Mission Interpretation Stories in Your Congregation

In addition to telling the mission stories of other places, Synod Storytellers gather the mission stories of their congregations. There are stories in community gardens, prayer shawl ministries, food pantries, and young adult homeless programs. Congregations sponsor missionaries and mission trips, and work with Sister Parishes. Beautiful stories, funny stories, tragic stories, and blessed stories reside in these and other missions. Make it known in your newsletter, at church council, and other places that people get information (like the church's kitchen), that you are looking for stories.

Some story gatherers like to write. Go for it. Some story gatherers do not. There are some options. One is to find someone in the congregation to write the story. Another is to contact Mission Interpreter Coordinator Suzanne at MIC@spselca.org. She loves to write.

The story does not have to be written. It might be presented as a slide show or a video, which can be a wonderful place to include youth who may have a penchant for making videos.

Regardless of who writes the story, it needs to be used to become alive. You might publish it in your church newsletter, tell it in a presentation during a temple talk, or use it in some other way. Sierra Pacific Synod wants a copy of it in whatever form you create it. Please send it to Suzanne at the email address above. It will be made available to other congregations for use in their Mission Interpretation Ministry. Some stories will also be sent to churchwide for use in their publications— with permission of course.

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