

Membership in CIA

- All churches that belong to CIA are asked to make an initiation fee to help cover costs of outreach projects. The amount of this fee will be determined by that church's mission committee
- Each participating church will elect 1-3 representatives from its membership to participate and vote at CIA board meetings. Guests are also welcomed to attend board meetings.
- Along with these representatives the CIA board will consist of a President, Treasurer, and Secretary, elected by the board to one-year renewable terms.
- Any church interested in joining should contact CIA President, Russell Rich at (716) 648-5785. We welcome the opportunity to come and speak to your church or council. Any individual may also participate in outreach projects.

For more information, contact:

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CIA Member Churches & Reps

- ***Ebenezer United Church of Christ***
Polly Giordano (675-4387) Peggy Blesy (662-7841)
- ***Eden United Methodist Church***
Judy & Vern Heiler (992-4557)
- ***Emmanuel UCC***
Nancy Kulik (649-9580) Dottie Fowler (648-1909)
- ***Episcopal Church of Holy Comm.***
- ***Faith UCC, Boston***
Pat McCall (648-1674) Cindi Edington (941-5153)
- ***Grace Lutheran***
- ***Hamburg Assembly of God***
Gail King (648-3760)
- ***Hamburg Presbyterian***
Dudley Hollenbeck (648-4910) Russell Rich (648-5785)
Karl Walker (649-7020)
- ***Hamburg United Methodist***
Cindy Malchoff (649-4925) Robert Williams (713-5493)
- ***Orchard Park Comm. Church***
Kim Bray (655-5582)
- ***Southtowns Christian Center***
Dan Miller (649-6665)
- ***St. James UCC***
Heidi Walling (648-2138) Ruth Rathman (649-3119)
- ***St. Mark's Episcopal Church***
Bill Roberts (562-3657)
- ***St. Mary Of The Lake***
Jill Greene (648-4549) Judie Rebl (627-2611)
- ***St. Matthews UCC***
Howard Rich (863-8636) Tom Schaner (646-0368)
- ***Trinity Episcopal Church***
Carol Dole Pat Small Judy Kremers (649-1115)
(992-3135) (947-5168) Susan Hannel (947-4353)
- ***Wayside Presbyterian Church***
Kathy & Eric Pyne (648-8038)
- ***Windom Community Church***



2009



CIA Past Mission Projects

Back to School Backpacks 01 - 08

Backpacks filled with school supplies

Christmas Caroling Group Home 97 - 08

Carolers visited residents in group homes throughout the area.

Clothing Drives 97, 99, 01, 03

Bags of clothing collected for local pantries & Miss. hurricane victims.

Crop Walk 98 - 08

CIA aids the effort in Hamburg to provide food through Crop Walk.

Food Drives 96, 98 & 06

Food collected and distributed to local pantries.

Fund Raisers

Service Auction 97, 99 & 05

Christmas in the Country 00 - 08

Taste of Homes 03 - 08

Haiti – Built Cistern system (03) & distributed hygiene/school supplies (05 - 08) . . . Literacy – Bibles 07 & 08

Memorial Day Parade Food Drive 00 - 04

Food collected at the Memorial Day parade for area pantries.

Personal Care Drive 00, 02 & 03

Bags of personal care items collected and distributed to area pantries.

Undies Sunday 04 - 08

Collect new underwear for local charities

Water for Life 02 – new wells in Africa

Work Weekends 97 - 08

Chautauqua Rural Ministries 99

Corner Stone Manor 01

Mission of the Eastward 97, 98

Operation Good Neighbor 02, 07

Paradise House 03

St. Luke's 00, 02, 04, 06, 08

Trading Post Mission 05

Volunteers clean, paint & rehab selected missions and shelters

Our Mission Statement

We exist to facilitate mission amongst local ecumenically minded churches. We aim to serve our neighbors both locally and beyond, wherever we see need, both inside and outside of the Christian community. We believe that united ministry in the name of Christ is one of the greatest witnesses we can offer to the transformative power of our Christian faith



- Each Christian church serves an important role in its representation of and ministry to a particular body of believers.
- We recognize and respect that each participating church differs in worship, creed, and membership.
- We all maintain the one foundational belief that Jesus Christ is our risen Lord and Savior.
- It is to the glory of God and through the grace of the Holy Spirit that we can work side by side in service to Jesus Christ.



A Brief History of CIA

Churches in Action was founded in September 1996. Three local churches: St. Matthew's UCC, Hamburg Presbyterian, and St. James' UCC, came together to share a vision of ecumenical service, both here in our community and beyond.

2009 Upcoming Events

March – Bibles for Haiti

CIA will be selling labels to put in a bible written in Creole for \$10. The Bible will be given to a Haitian, graduating from a literacy course.

May 8th & 9th – Work Weekend

Westside Ministries . . . providing hope through opportunity . . . We will be refurbishing houses to help promote the stability of families and neighborhoods on Buffalo's West side through home ownership (www.westsideministries.org)

June – Haiti Hygiene Kits

Collect and assemble hygiene kits for Summer Mission Team to pass out in Haiti

September 27th – Undies Sunday

Collect and distribute new underwear to local missions

October (TBA) – Crop Walk

Support walkers in a drive to stamp out hunger.

November 5,6,7,8 – Christmas in the Country Fundraiser

Sell bags at craft show

December 7th – Christmas Caroling

Our annual caroling to area group homes for developmentally disabled adults

* **Sign up on CIA website for e-mail reminders of upcoming news and events at:** www.Churchesinaction.com.