

***Christ the Redeemer Church
Charity Commission Minutes
Tuesday, September 9, 2025***

Members Attending:

Susan Arends, Debbie Case, Cheryl Corrion, Cindy Foreman, Mi-Young Lee, Laura Pangori, Mary Kay Potter, Lynn Carr & Karen Swietlik.

Job Descriptions:

- a. NYOFD- Debbie Case (1 year), Meg Galuardi (1 year), Cindy Foreman (2 years), Susan Arends (3 years)
- b. Blood Drive- Laura Pangori (1 year), Cheryl Corrion (2 years), Mi-Young Lee (3 years)
- c. Giving Tree/CROP Walk -Susan Weber (1 year), Mary Kay Potter (2 years), Debbie Woelmer (3 years)

I. Project Reports

a. NYOFD – Debbie, Meg & Cindy

Update from Lynn

September Drive - Foster Care - Vista Maria (personal care items, art supplies & games) & Christ Child House (clothing, pajamas & shoes). Tags are up on Giving Tree

Lynn will forward email which was received from Kathy Regan, new CEO of Vista Maria in response to Channel 4, WDIV interview.

October Drive – Oxford Orion FISH (Thanksgiving food items) & Remnant Project Ministries (food items). Debbie, Meg & Cindy will create tags and deliver in late September & Lynn will run labels and place on NYOFD board before October 4

b. Blood Drive - Laura & Cheryl & Mi Young

Next Drive: Sun, Sept 21 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

26 are scheduled and 23 open slots

Laura will create facts of the benefits of giving blood & the current urgent needs and forward to Karen for announcements this weekend. Versiti should handle the check-ins

2026 dates: Sat. Feb. 21, Sun. June 7, Sun. Sept. 20

c. Giving Tree/Crop Walk – Susan, Mary Kay & Debbie

Karen working on labels for Sept.

II. Charity Coordinator Report

Parish Picnic took place on September 7th and was a success

- Winners of the Pie contest were: 1st: Strawberry Pretzel (Sally Coe), 2nd Blueberry (Mary Einheuser) and 3rd Chocolate Hazelnut (Silvia Carrara)
- Cornhole contest was a success- winners were Easton & Aaron Shrewsberry(son & grandson of Dave Potter)

- Peace & Justice Committee Discussion
 - A Journey to Exile Refugee Simulation will take place on September 18 at 6 pm. The facilitator will lead the simulation via a zoom call. A \$10 donation is suggested. Sign ups are going good. We have 25 people so far.
 - Faith & Immigration Class will start on October 1 for 8 weeks from 6:30 – 8:30. The last session was a success. Hoping to get interest with the program on Sept. 18.
- Medicare Program will take place on September 25 at 6 pm in Bethany
- Ministry recruiting volunteer forms will be given out soon. We only remove Charity Program volunteers when requested, rather than asking each year.
- Volunteer Appreciation event has move to February 13. Starting in 2027 this event will take place the 1st Friday in February.
- Christmas Marketplace- Sat. Nov. 8 & 9- will need a few volunteers to help at each Mass. Sign ups will be sent out in October.
- St Nicholas Project will take place December 4-6. Karen & Lynn are working on confirming charity opportunities. Sign-ups will begin the first weekend of October. December 4 St. Nicholas Project begins with wrapping. Charity Members arrive at 5:30, Volunteers arrive 7pm
- Volunteers are needed to help Karen & Lynn on Wed. December 3 to volunteer to organize and stage items for St. Nick.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 14 at 7:30 pm following Mass