

Coordinator of Volunteers Annual Report
Alysa Short

Activities

I spend much of my time planning various events, generally with the assistance of a resource team. During this past year I helped plan a Youth Worker Retreat, an overnight event for pastors made possible by a Lilly Endowment grant, and the Fall Missional regional gatherings. I have also coordinated the logistics for the three Year of Covenant pastor meetings. A large amount of my time has been devoted to the planning of the Alan and Debra Hirsch missional event as well as our Annual Conference Assembly. In addition, I met regularly with the Leadership Team, the Ministry Development Team and the Gifts Discernment Team.

Affirmations

I enjoy working with so many different people and am encouraged and inspired by the passion of many. With so many different events to plan, the willingness of people to devote time to and to share their gifts in various ways is so helpful. This past year it has also been encouraging that 44 of our congregations have been represented at at least one of the events listed above. It is a joy to see this participation.

Concerns

Although some people are willing to serve in various capacities in Ohio Conference, there continues to be a great difficulty in filling some needs and positions in Conference, as well as at times a lack of participation at events. Uncertainties in the church, financial restraints and time conflicts all continue to limit our work and therefore our impact.

Actions

As this next year begins, I would enjoy hearing from you concerning your interests and passions and how you may be interested in becoming more involved in Ohio Conference. In addition, as we continue with the theme of mission into the next couple of years, I would welcome stories as to how your church is becoming missional. We all bring unique gifts to the church; may we each be willing to use those gifts to be the hands and feet of God as we work together as His people.