

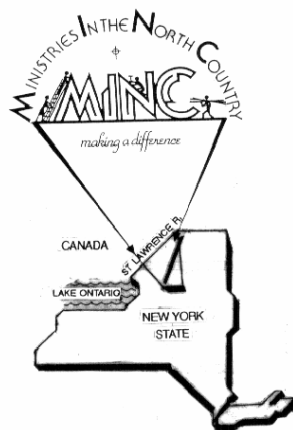


All of the pictures in this brochure were taken at Rural Rehab Work projects. This group consisted of 15 dedicated teenagers and adults who are members of the Union Congregational Church in East Walpole, MA, along with the children of a couple who were among the adults. They worked on two different homes in the eastern part of the Town of Stockholm. Permission to use these photographs was given on condition that no names would be given.

MINC

MINISTRIES IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

MINC is a Cooperative Parish which was originated in the Presbytery of Northern New York. In 1989 two clusters of churches began meeting with a consultant, the Rev. Carl Geores. Representatives met to do a Bible study, to pray, to identify their congregation's strengths, and then look to the needs of their communities. In 1990, ten churches voted to form the Cooperative Parish. MINC has grown over the years and includes many churches from several denominations. It has become a network that connects people and ministries as they seek to respond to the love of God. Decisions are made by vote of representatives of member churches who volunteer their time. Most of the work of ministries is accomplished by volunteers. Our paid staff, all part-time employees, consists of outreach workers, Rural Rehab coordinators, bookkeeper.



A
COOPERATIVE
PARISH



making a difference

PRAISING GOD
AND
SERVING IN
THE NAME OF JESUS
CHRIST

WHO WE ARE

We are a group of churches working together to make a difference in the lives of people in our communities. Many of us are Presbyterian, others are Episcopal, Methodist, UCC, Roman Catholic, or Baptist. All of us work together to share the good news of the gospel as we serve our neighbors.

The leadership of our organization is volunteer. Our paid staff, including outreach workers and summer housing rehab coordinators, are part-time employees. Ministries are made possible by gifts of money, materials and energy from churches, individuals, and local business people.

WHAT WE DO TOGETHER

Rural Rehab — Repair of housing. We build new roofs for mobile homes, install exterior insulation and vinyl siding, build handicap ramps, paint houses to prevent further deterioration of existing siding, replace entrance stairs, shingle roofs, and replace windows. **Our motto: safer, warmer, drier.**

Outreach — The main emphasis is meeting needs which other agencies are unable or unwilling to meet. The workers coordinate with other agencies, advocate for individuals and provide emergency assistance in the form of heating fuel, food, and help with electric bills.

MINC Outreach Workers: Janet Campbell 315-658-4730
Sheryl Evans 315-322-4271

Christian Education — Coordinates Vacation Bible school for a number of churches. Selects materials and assists churches in sharing props and equipment needed for VBS. Assists with obtaining of Sunday School materials for smaller churches.

Farm Committee — Coordinates a garden program in which seeds are distributed free or at a small cost to approximately 100 families each year. A traveling rototiller can be requested to prepare the plots for planting the seeds. Also, farmers having short term needs can request assistance.

Foster kids Christmas — Christmas presents are purchased for 50 teenage foster children who otherwise might not receive presents. Children are selected by county Social Service Agencies from among their most needy.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Pray for those in need.
- Pray for all who reach out to others in the name of Christ.
- Support MINC financially:
 - \$1800 — a new roof for a mobile home
 - \$1000 — part of the salary of an outreach worker
 - \$ 500 — seeds for gardens for 100 families
 - \$ 450 — 100 gallons of fuel oil for a family
 - \$ 200 — prevent electrical service shut off for one family
 - \$ 160 — a replacement window
 - \$ 75 — groceries for one family for one week
 - \$ 57 — a square (10x10) of vinyl siding
 - \$ 25 — Christmas present for one teenage foster child
 - \$ 24 — 50 pounds of coated #16 framing nails
 - \$ 10 — meat for Thanksgiving dinner for one farm family
 - \$ 10 — seeds and plants for a complete garden for a family
 - \$ 9 — 3 square feet of metal roofing
 - \$ 8 — a Bible for a family
 - \$ 6 — VBS materials for one child

Contributions for all ministries can be sent to:
MINC
c/o First Presbyterian Church
42 Elm Street
Potsdam, NY 13676

Please accept my gift of \$ _____ to support the following area of ministry: _____

Please use my gift where needed most. _____



Ministries in the North Country

MINC

Since 1989 ~ making a difference

Church/Organization: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Members (\$30/month) _____ One Time Gift _____

Your pledge to MINC makes possible rural rehabilitation, emergency outreach, support for Christian Education, Christmas gifts for children, food and garden programs for families in need, and support for your neighbors who need Christian love and nurture.

Please give generously.

Please make checks payable to MINC, and mail to:

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Potsdam, NY 13676