

## Mercy Learning Center Social Action Committee - Mission

The mission of the Mercy Learning Center (MLC) Social Action Committee is to raise the visibility of MLC within the church community and to provide avenues for the congregation to support this worthy organization.

Mercy Learning Center is a women's literacy center that endeavors to break the cycle of under-education and poverty in a compassionate and holistic environment. Mercy provides education for more than 850 women and 160 of their infant to pre-K children, along with numerous support services.

The goals of the Mercy Learning Center Social Action Committee are to:

- Inform the congregation about the Center's work and needs in order to create awareness and increase consideration of Mercy Learning Center on the part of individuals in the Congregation when they consider how they want to allocate their personal resources of time, talent and treasure.
- Respond to specific Mercy Learning Center needs for support by offering the Congregation opportunities to participate in a variety of ways. Specifics include recruiting committed volunteers for tutoring and other roles, donating diapers and other baby-related items and making contributions toward food cards at holiday time.
- Integrate support for Mercy Learning Center with various other congregational focus areas including Religious Education.

The Committee is chaired by Sharon Poole Bittenbender and meets on an as-needed basis.

A report to the Congregation is filed each year in the Annual Report.