



## MISSION MATTERS: *October 2022*

October 3 is the start of Mental Illness Awareness Week. In our street ministry we serve those with varied conditions that fall under the umbrella of mental illness. Many of these individuals can manage on their own in the streets or special housing or by “couch surfing” only with the help of various supportive organizations. Yet they can’t manage to secure employment, and often don’t try to do so, because they can sense a prejudice against them, or they are tired of failing.

In my 32 year career with Social Security I worked solely with a program for the disabled or elderly with few financial assets, often homeless or transient. Many could be helped with medication but it’s too much of a challenge (or bother) to try to find a physician, fill a script, take meds as directed. Not to mention the fact that if they were seen taking meds someone may view those meds as pleasure pills and try to abscond with them by whatever means necessary.

NOT ALL who come to street ministry are so afflicted but ALL DO need our help. ***Please be watchful of the sign on the Mission Committee room door*** (first door on the right as you leave the sanctuary) where we post our current needs. With the weather becoming cooler we need men’s and women’s warmer clothing in all sizes. Books for adults, especially, are always welcome as well.

Thank you,

***Sonia C. & Your Island Presbyterian Mission & Outreach Team***

*“There, but for the Grace of God, go I.”*



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