

Fair Trade Market at the Fall Festival

For the second year in a row the Board of Christian Action worked with Fair Trade Winds, based in Fairfax, VA, to offer fair trade products from around the world to Fall Festival visitors to the church. Formerly known as Global Crafts, this boutique has been a long-running project of the Board. With your help we earned \$600, or 10% on \$6,000 total sales. Sales were down from last year's \$7,000 mark, but still significantly higher than 2015. As with all Fall Festival earnings, this money will go to local charities.

One of the most gratifying aspects of the Fair Trade Market has been our association with Paul and Lois Culler, the founders of this family-run endeavor. If you are interested in the fair trade philosophy and products, you may wish to explore their website at www.fairtradewinds.net Paul Culler is currently chair of the Fair Trade Federation of North America. His dedication to the fair trade principle and to advancing the lives of third world workers and crafts people is inspirational. Read about it by clicking on "our story" on the website listed above.

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