## Church and Society Rebeca Grinstead, Chair

The Tennessee-Western Kentucky (TWK) Conference Church and Society team has worked throughout the year to live into our team covenant, which states that we will:

- Honor our baptismal vows;
- Create statements about issues that have backing in our social principles and book of discipline;
- Use currently established communication channels such as district and conference newsletters and social media to make people aware of:
  - o What is happening
  - o The good stories of work already being done by individuals, churches, districts, and conferences
  - o Potential partnerships with congregations and individuals already doing things:
- And encourage church and governmental leaders to make official statements about issues.

The team has submitted articles to the TWK Conference newsletter in many areas, including but not limited to the death penalty, addiction, homelessness, and gambling. Through the conference newsletter we have solicited names and contact information of members of our conference who are interested in learning more about and participating in action related to these areas, and we have recently begun contacting some of these members via email. We have also disbursed funds from our budget to support TWK Conference initiatives such as Signposts and Soul Care.

The TWK Church and Society team requests your prayers as we continue to live into our covenant and discover the work that has been set before us.