

## **GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**February 22, 2016**

Present: Ron Vandeberg, Pastor Kelli Schmit, Tom Blau (Limited attendance due to some last minute cancellations)

Opening prayer by Pastor Kelli

### **Uganda / Hope-4-Kids**

- No update.

### **Presentations for 'Our Neighbor's Faith'**

- Buddhism speaker can't make it on Apr 3. Presentation has been cancelled.
- Pastor Tim planning to present Eastern Orthodox on Apr 10 and 17.

### **Puerto Rico**

- Fundraiser breakfast is coming up on Feb 28. Serving from 10 to 12.

### **Liberia / Pastor Palmer**

- Working through ELCA global mission to get an update from Pastor Palmer.
- ELCA global mission sent Pastor Kelli a picture of Pastor Palmer and certificate recognizing our congregation's support of him.

### **Uganda / Bishop Begonza**

- Bishop Begonza's wife, Freda, contacted Janet Knutson. Freda is currently residing in St. Paul, MN area and is attending St. Teresa's College to obtain a Master's degree in accounting / business.

### **Middle East refugees or other future projects**

- Discussion of ideas that were mentioned last month.
  1. Donation to refugee support organizations, either from Global Mission budget or low key fund raising by congregation, or both. – Not discussed at this meeting.
  2. Support for Pastor Kirsten in Cairo, since she is doing or supporting education and teaching in refugee camps. – Information from website handed out. Her organization, St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS) has several existing programs that we could support.
  3. We have previously supported setup of housing for refugees that come to the Madison area. Covenant Lutheran in Stoughton is collecting goods to setup, and we should find out if they need additional support or goods. – George and

Solveig Carlson are coordinating effort. They are out of town until end of Feb, and we will get an update when they return.

4. Also should consider support for flooding in Missouri and Illinois, either by funding or sending volunteers. – On April 10 our church will be holding a training program for a similar effort called Lutherans United Assisting after Disasters (LUAD). LUAD efforts are focused on relief within our synod. So far 15 people have signed up for this training. At this time we won't do anything to recruit volunteers for recovery efforts in Missouri or Illinois, since doing so would cause lots of confusion between what we would be trying to do and what LUAD would do. If there is a fee for LUAD training, perhaps it could come Global Mission budget. [Post meeting note: Pastor Kelli checked with Huldah and there is not a fee for the training course.] Also consider buying lunch for trainees from Global Mission budget.
- Discuss further at next meeting, after we get more information. After determining project(s), we can decide whether to do something big or small and how to proceed.

### **Other**

- As Tom's term on council ends, Tom will do a short temple talk / slide show on accomplishments. Weekend of April 24 or May 1 are possible dates.
- Ron will send Global Mission annual reports for last 2 years to Tom as reminders of our accomplishments.

### **Budget**

- Budget request form for next year handed out. We will discuss at next meeting. First impression is budget request for next year will be same as this year.
- Ron to see if we can get something about education progress from Pastor Ferris' niece Thanés, for whom we have been providing tuition assistance for several years.

### **Next Meeting:**

Regularly scheduled meeting planned for March 14.

Devotions for next meeting by Ron.