

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2017 plus Uganda trip note

Present: Ron Vandenberg, Janine O-Rourke, Mike Catterall, Bonnie Dirks, Jane Blank, Wayne Corey, Pastor Kelli

Opening devotions by Pastor Kelli.

Elizabeth Circle / Global Mission Bake Sale

- This year's bake sale is scheduled for Dec. 10, 2017.

Uganda / Hope-4-Kids

- Trip to Uganda is set for March 21 to April 3 with 10 people from our church, 9 from Lord of Life Lutheran Church (church of Bonnie's son) in Minnesota, and 2 from Hope-4-Kids.
- Thanks to the spirit working within our congregation, our fund raising has been very successful. \$7080 has been raised by our congregation, of which \$6880 has been sent to Hope-4-Kids and \$200 will be taken to Uganda as cash to support any needs that pop-up.
- Part of our raised funds will be used to purchase land on which to place the latrine. Cost is 8,500,000 Uganda Shillings (approx. \$2368). This leaves about \$1700 to buy food for famine relief.
- Packing event for all the supplies that were collected will be March 15.
- Pastor Peter Obbo in Uganda has a housing crisis created when his landlord sold the house in which Peter lives and now Peter has to move out. Peter is building a new house next to Vision primary school (which he leads), but he lacks funds to finish the house. Peter requested via a letter to Kent Dirks at Lord of Life Church any financial support that could be offered to help him finish the house. Some funds were given by individuals at both congregations so Peter could make progress towards finishing the house.

Exploring Expansion of Puerto Rico ministry

- By continuing to follow the every other year plan, there will be Puerto Rico mission trip in spring 2018.

Liberia / Pastor Palmer/ Missionary Support

- Nothing new to report from Pastor Palmer.
- Agreed that we should switch support to Pastor Kirsten Fryer in Cairo.
- To switch support to Pastor Kirsten Fryer (or anyone else), we need to:
 - Inform ELCA global mission and see if they have any questions or concerns.

- Global Mission can decide who to support, then inform council.
- Rita writes monthly check to Synod. Inform her and she will update check memo line to synod.
- Update line item in annual report to indicate Pastor Fryer.
- Ron will do these things and make switch if no issues arise.

Tanzania / Bishop Bagonza

- Frida has not requested any support for tuition or rent. She apparently has funds for these items this month, but we do not know the source.

2017/ 18 budget

- In this 2016/17 budget year, we have \$1300 that was budgeted but is currently unspent. Consider whether we should commit these funds to an existing project, such as Habitat for Humanity build. Decided to wait to see whether current fund raising for Habitat is successful, any needs arrive in Uganda, or if other needs arise in the next couple of months.
- Agreed to request budget of \$1800 for next year, which is the same as this year.

Note from Uganda Mission Trip:

- Four members of Global Mission team (Ron, Bonnie, Jane, and Janine) were on the Uganda mission trip. We have had a chance to get to know Pastor Peter Obbo and hear him preach at Sesera church. On March 27, after visiting Vision Primary School and seeing the unfinished house that Pastor Peter is somewhat living in, we agreed there was a need to provide more assistance to finish his housing. Others on the trip from our congregation but not members of the Global Mission team also thought this was a good idea. Using email to contact other members of the Global Mission team, we agreed to donate the \$200 in cash that was brought on the trip plus an additional \$350 from our budget to Pastor Peter for his house. With this money he can either install a concrete floor or install wiring for electricity. Bonnie arranged the transfer of funds. Pastor Peter chose to install floors.

Meeting that was scheduled for April 10 was cancelled since there were no urgent topics and the Uganda mission trip just completed a few days earlier.

Next scheduled meeting is on the regular 2nd Monday date of May 8.

Devotions for next meeting by Mike Catterall.