

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2022

Attendees: Ron Vandeberg, Wayne Corey, Katherine Miller, Linda Olson, Bonnie Dirks, Roger Marty, Pastor Kelli, Paul Hundt

Global Mission did not hold a meeting in May, 2022.

Devotions by Linda Olson.

Walk-4-Water – Sept 24

- No update.

Pastor Christie Manisto Visit – Aug 6 & 7

- Pastor Kelli is on sabbatical in August and Pastor Naomi will be attending a wedding on Sat Aug 6. Ron to ask Pastor Christie to lead service on Saturday evening. Pastor Naomi will be here on Sunday and lead the services with Pastor Christie preaching.
- Skaalen Clubhouse is now open for events so we will plan an informal gathering and meal there after the Saturday 5 pm service. Ron to send gathering invite to GM members and supporters. Due to limited space there won't be a congregation wide invite to the gathering, but if someone requests to attend we will accommodate them.
- Pastor Christie will be available for an informal question and answer session between the Sunday services.
- Katherine to ask Council or Pastor Naomi if it is OK to have a free-will offering to support Pastor Christie's mission. Free-will offerings have been used in the past for similar events, typically with an envelope placed in the bulletins to support the effort.
- This year ELCA is trying something different to support missionaries doing congregational visits. Host congregations are asked to contribute financially for domestic travel and lodging related to the visit. GM budget has funds that can be used. We do want to ensure we are providing enough support, particularly since travel costs in the USA are quite high. Ron to ask Pastor Christie for guidance for amount of funding they need.

Guatemala / Outreach for World Hope

- Trip report and thank you note will be in the next eNews.

Uganda / Hope-4-Kids

- In July H-4-K is planning their first post-Covid mission trips to Uganda. Another trip is planned for November. This may be a good opportunity for MLC members to travel to Uganda.

Madison Area Jail Ministry

- Paul Hundt is the Vice President of the Madison Area Jail Ministry Board. He introduced us to this ministry which MLC supports as part of our benevolence budget.
- In a year this Ministry:
 - Responds to 3,245 support requests
 - Provides 409 hours of Bible study and 299 hours of worship/prayer

- Hands out 13 cases of Bibles & 1,400 Daily Bread devotionals

Restructuring / Combining Committees

- Discussed possibly combining forces and /or restructuring GM committee with Health and Social Wellness (H&SW) committee. Currently H&SW has 3 members. The activities of H&SW have varied over the years. Some of H&SW activities overlap with GM, for example H&SW runs the giving tree for the McFarland food pantry at Christmas and GM runs the bake sale with raised funds being donated to the food pantry. Many of the H&SW activities could be described as Local Missions, serving people in our community that are not part of MLC.
- Some activities H&SW has been involved in over the years: Blood pressure measurements, Lutheran Lifters, hi-way cleanup, collect cell phones and reading glasses, Lutheran Social Relief, refugee resettlement, support for Off-the-Square organization, and quarterly health updates.
- As MLC reestablishes activities after Covid and the pastoral transition team looks at the congregation future, now is a good time to consider committee structure. The congregation council has also had some discussion of committee roles.
- Points to ponder:
 - Global Mission Committee is very visible and well known at MLC. Keep the name to keep the reputation built over the years.
 - Taking on additional activities may bog down the committee with too many simultaneous activities.
 - Local and Global are 2 faces of the same mission – serving others outside the congregation.
 - If Global Mission is defined as activities outside of MLC, then the Global Mission name can be used for activities in the local community.
 - Lord's work is being done through GM. Keep it going. Don't dilute the activity,
 - Council has subcommittees for some tasks. Could we do something similar?
 - Could get a point person for each subcommittee or activity. Publish list somewhere (website, occasionally in eNews) so congregation members know who to contact if they want to get involved.
 - Put structure around activities. Don't just fundraise.
 - Meetings could be in 2 parts, for example part 1 local and part 2 global. Committee members could attend one part or the other or both parts per their interest
 - Could try a combined group for a while and see how it works, then go back to 2 groups if the combination doesn't work.
- No conclusion was reached. Idea of combining committees was a surprise to those on the GM committee who are not also council members, and several GM members were not able to attend. More discussion to come.

Habitat for Humanity

- Habitat will not be running any international trips to build houses for the next year.
- Since MLC did not have a congregational build day at a Habitat site this year and thus funds budgeted for this purpose have not been used, it was agreed that funds should be donated to Habitat. Ron will submit the check request.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for July 11. Wayne will do devotions.