

GLOBAL MISSION WORK GROUP MEETING, February 13, 2010
Northeastern Iowa Synod Office, Waverly, 9:30 a.m.

Present: Cecil Maureen Johnson (Chair), Sharon Magelssen, Marilyn Brocka (Board Liaison), Ron Schardt, Else Schardt
Apologies: Jon Tehven, David Grant, Virginia Olson, Barbara Ogden, Troy Pflibsen.

Welcome: Cecil Maureen Johnson welcomed the group and shared encouraging words of grief and hope.

Review Minutes: Minutes from the September 19, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Review of Global Mission Festival held on November 8, 2009 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls.

We received many positive comments about the event.

Companion Synod Report: Sharon Magelssen

The Newsletter might change to an on-line one "Walking Together."

The synod costs for bringing Pastor Shaniika to our synod was \$1685.91.

De-briefing with the congregations who hosted Pastor Shaniika is scheduled to take place March 5, 2010.

The Washington DC Synod arranges these trips and coordinates with the three other synods who have Namibian Companion relationships. The four synods meet in November every year.

Sharon will attend the Global Mission Unit's program committee meeting later this month.

Communication: Mark Anderson

Marcia Hahn is the communications person for this synod. Please notify Marcia of any plans and events.

Mark suggested we give re-printable information from the GMU information for use in newsletters and as bulletin inserts.

We are to improve communications in such ways as a newsletter, articles, and features.

Synod Mission Trip to Guatemala:

The trip is "sold out." Thirty-two participants plan to go.

Synod Assembly to be held June 11-13, 2010, in Waverly.

Theme: Strengthening the Church

The GMWG is requesting space for three displays and two workshops:

- 1) Food Resource Bank for a display and a workshop. Joan Fumetti is the contact person.
- 2) Guatemala Mission Trip for a display and a workshop. David and Elayne Werges are the contact persons.
- 3) Global Mission display table. Contact person: Cecil Maureen Johnson.

The Companion Synod Work Group will request display space and a workshop. Else and Ron will e-mail Cecil Maureen about items for a global display.

Since the Global Involvement survey did not get done last synod assembly, we request that surveys be added to each registration packet for this assembly. The NEIAS office will collate the survey information and then send it on to Lanny Westphal.

Mission, Vision, and Goals of Work Group. Cecil Maureen shared these, and the group felt these goals were being met.

Glocal Mission Gatherings: Cecil Maureen handed out a page listing the times and venues for the global mission gatherings to be held in the USA this year.

Other Business: Mark had information about a request for our synod to enter into a second companion synod relationship, namely, with the Lutheran Church of Hungary. The GMWG decided to invite Julie Rowe from the GMU (Julie represents the countries of Europe at GMU) to meet with the work group to provide more information about such a relationship. Mark will contact Julie. The GMWG will be invited to a special meeting with Julie and each member will invite one other person to join in this meeting.

Budget: We discussed the budget briefly for 2011 and decided to request an additional \$2,500 IF a second companion synod relationship is to be pursued for our synod. Cecil Maureen will complete the budget request and hand it in.

New Chair for the Global Mission Work Group: Else agreed to serve as the chair for one year.

The Work Group thanks Cecil Maureen for her many years of faithful service and for her vision and her ability to broaden our minds in many global ways. We are delighted that she will help with a Synod Assembly display, and we will treasure her wisdom as a resource person in the future.

Next meeting date:

The meeting closed at 12 noon and lunch was served.

Else Schardt