

Global Mission Work Group Meeting, Saturday September 19, 2009
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Waverly, 9:30 a.m.

Present: Cecil Maureen Johnson (Chair), Jon Tehven, David Grant, Sharon Magelssen,
Ron Schardt, Else Schardt

Welcome: Pastor Mark Anderson welcomed all the participants for work groups within the Board of Ministry in Mission. He led with devotions based upon the Sunday text, Mark 9:30-37, where Jesus' disciples were arguing about who is the greatest.

Announcements: Pastor Mark announced (1) that the LYO board members were willing to run the global games for the youth/children during the November 8 Global Mission Festival, and (2) that the Youth Mission Network was promoting this festival as an inter-generational event.

Minutes from the June 24 meeting were accepted as written.

Joint Region 5 Global Mission/World Hunger Network Meeting:

This meeting will take place November 1-3 at Bishop O'Conner Center in Madison, WI. Deadline for registration in September 25

Two members of the Namibian Companion Synod Work Group will go. Ron and/or Else Schardt will consider going.

Companion Synod Report—Sharon Magelssen:

This group met on September 18.

Pastor Pat Shaw is now the Companion Synod Coordinator.

The GMWG is thankful for Sharon's committed and motivating leadership these past five years and is grateful that she is willing to continue to be involved.

Our Synod is hosting a Namibian pastor from the Northern Church, the ELCIN, Rev. Dr. Eliakim Shaniika. He will arrive on October 30. A reception in his honor will be held on October 30, 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the Synod Office in Waverly.

He will visit three congregations within the Synod (Leland and two others) and hopefully also participate in our Global Mission Event on November 8.

Two members of the group plan to attend the Region 5 Network Meeting in Madison November 1-3.

A discussion ensued about a future project on education, to build up a scholarship fund to include undergraduate scholarships. This can be a worthy cause, but we have to be careful not to undermine the educational opportunities available within Namibia for undergraduate studies. One problem there is the difficulty students experience to gain places in the university system there. Maybe we need to explore possibilities of providing scholarship help for students to study within Namibia. This, too, poses problems. We need to study and explore all these options carefully, always at the requests and directions of our companion synod partners.

Pastor Mark Anderson's report:

Home Life

Can Global Mission Work Group Endorse a Synod Mission Trip in which the LYO is involved?

A group is to go to Guatemala to help put walls on a school building. St. Paul Area Synod is the companion synod for that area.

Pastor Diane Dardon is in De Kalb and is very familiar with this area.

Elayne Werges will head up the orientation for such a trip.

This trip is budget neutral and \$1,300 is required per person.

Suggest that each conference within the synod send three persons, including at least one adult and one youth member, on this trip: 33 persons plus leadership.

Commitment is due November 15 with \$100 down-payment.

Orientation is to be end of February. March 4 is final payment due,

Trip will take place March 19-29, 2009.

Moved (Jon T) and seconded (Ron S) that we affirm the Global Mission Service Trip to Guatemala.

Global Mission Features in the STAR:

More use can be made of the "Hand in Hand" articles/mission stories.

There is a need for more stories which can be written for bulletin inserts.

Other Matters and Announcements:

Cecil announced the Sabeel Conference coming up at UNI in Cedar Falls, October 9-10, with an impressive list of speakers for this voice of Palestinian Christians.

The "Stand with Africa" project will come to a close during this 2009-2010 year.

Hopefully, the Malaria Initiative will take its place.

South Eastern Minnesota Synod is planning a Global Formation Event in late July 2010.

Should our synod participate with them? Cecil will ask whether they want to invite our synod members as participants or also as presenters for this event.

Ron and Else reported briefly on their participation in, and presentation during the Global Village Camp at Waupaca, WI., organized by the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin and neighboring synods. Around 150 persons participated in this lively, very inter-active, multi-cultural event.

Reminders about other Tri-Synodical events also taking place.

GLOBAL MISSION FESTIVAL, NOVEMBER 8, 2009 AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CEDAR FALLS, IA.

Questions to Explore:

Rev Rafael Padilla Malpica: Will he fly into Dubuque and come with Schardts?

Pastor Shaniika: How can we best involve him at the festival?

LYO asks: What times would their workshops be? Games for kids/ Confirmation workshop?

Each presenter should be prepared to do two workshops.

SCHEDULE:

1:30-2:00	REGISTRATION
2:00-2:40	OPENING AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Dr. Malpica and Rev. Shaniika
2:45-3:20	WORKSHOP # 1
3:20-3:35	BREAK
3:35-4:10	WORKSHOP # 2
4:10-4:25	BREAK
4:25- 5:00	WORKSHOP # 3
5:00-6:00	MEAL AND CLOSING

We need a moderator for each workshop and people to welcome participants at each room and to guide them to restrooms, etc.

TO-DO LIST for ALL GMWG Members: PLEASE GET SCHEDULE AND DETAILS TO PASTOR MARK BY SEPTEMBER 27 AT THE LATEST. THESE INCLUDE NAMES OF PRESENTERS, TITLES OF WORKSHOPS, AND SHORT BIOS ON THE PRESENTERS:

- **Jon Tehven will meet with Pastor Hedding about logistics, meal, displays, rooms, breaks, and opening and closing details.
- **Jon will speak with Dennis Dickman, Fred Strickert, and Herb Hafermann for details.
- **Jon will ask Paul Franzen of St. Paul's and coordinate with Pastor Hedding and Pastor Anderson.
- **Cecil will ask Maryn Olson about the Postville presentation/workshop
- **Ron and Else will check with Ruoxia Li and Two Wartburg Seminary students about the workshop on Asia.
- **Ron and Else will finalize the workshop schedule as soon as others have finalized the presenters and informed R and E.
- **Barb Ogden reports that the congregation in Manchester will provide money for the meal rather than prepare the meal in Manchester.
- **LYO is invited to prepare global games for children/youth during two of the workshop times.

Other Business:

Board of Ministry in Mission would like us to fill out ideas and goals and steps toward attaining these goals, budget, etc. for their future planning.

Cecil Maureen announced that after the next official meeting of the Global Mission Work Group, she would like to step down from her position as Chairperson. She has cited her many other church and synod-wide involvements and some health issues that have necessitated this decision.

Meeting closed at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Else Schardt