

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2011

of the

## WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

of the

## EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST



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IN ATTENDANCE: Gene Kissinger, chair, Charles Babb, Kelly Downs, Al Johnson, Don Kearby, Pete Menconi, Cecil Matthews, SM, Chris Smith, and by conference call, Ken Jones, Bob Kueski and Scott Urquhart

1. Welcome those on the conference call and introductions
2. We have a budget! Now what? Gene proposed the plan below to Bob Maier, treasurer of POW, for allocation of the \$15,000:
  - \$5,000 - *Travel for Don Kearby's ministry.* Brief discussion revolved around retaining the money with the POW treasurer. That was fine with Don.
  - \$5,000 - *For the Engage 2025.* Advice from the S3 Team relative to needs in South Sumatra. It should be used in a way to substantially enhance that ministry. It is NOT to be used for items such as direct salary support. An objective should be to mobilize future long-term participants, ie, be strategic.
  - \$5,000 *to enhance short term missionary trips.* The discussion of this topic ranged widely with the main focus being how to effectively multiply the effect of this fairly modest amount of money (greatly appreciated nonetheless!). Intent: Short-term trips with long-term possibilities. Although it could be used for affiliates of the South Sumatra project, it should not be assumed to be for that project. A formula which has worked several places is for funding for an individual's trip to be 1/3 from participant, 1/3 from the host church, or this fund in our case, and 1/3 raised from other sources. The latter can be especially meaningful as it leads to connecting other people to the participant's project. This money could be used in some form of matching grants. Don Kearby's interactions with congregations could generate knowledge of such opportunities. It could also provide the knowledge of interest in projects which could be shared between congregations. {This discussion will continue.}
3. Possibility of hosting a member care conference was discussed, briefly. Gene is considering attending the course described at [www.careconnexion.org](http://www.careconnexion.org). Kelly was especially supportive of the need for assistance to returning missionaries. Should we look forward to hosting something similar in the future? It is one of our

goals!

#### 4. Team Reports

- Engage 2025 – SM and Kelly
  - General update: Lots of progress toward their hoped for departure near the end of March. Funding is progressing very positively.
  - Presentation at February's presbytery meeting: SM reported on a positive response to his presentation at the Presbytery meeting Feb 4&5 in Fresno, CA. This opportunity provided several new interested congregations, including ones in Fresno, Danville, and Roseville.
  - S3 support team is coming together well. In currently includes representatives from six churches, including Cherry Hills Community Church (Highlands Ranch, CO), Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church (Englewood, CO), FPC-Greeley, CO, FPC-Levelland, TX, and Faith Evangelical Church, Loveland, CO.
  - Trip to South Samara - planning and development continues: Kelly is planning a fact-finding trip to South Sumatra July 2-16, 2011. Many details remain to be determined and will depend somewhat on participant interests. Current costs estimates are around \$2,000. We are excited about the possibility of a formal or informal partnership between the TOGO/Denver and the WOC, especially relative to training, but this topic was not discussed further.
- Web site and data base – Scott
  - What ministry opportunities need to be added? Suggestions on content and organization are welcome at any time to [nsu@peakpeak.com](mailto:nsu@peakpeak.com).
  - What training and information resources need to be added? Same comment as above.
- Mission Advancement Associate – Al and Don; discussed funding, contacts, and new responsibilities:
  - Don has been asked to develop an intercessory prayer group.
  - He will also be overseeing the new survey of churches similar to the one we did last year.
- Equipping and Information – Bob - no report. What more do we know about Webinars and possible “partnership” with the Mission Exchange? Bob is still investigating this.

#### 5. New Business

- What would be a positive outcome from someone attending the Multiethnic conference in April? Establishing a relationship with a person of different ethnicity from the participant.

#### 6. Adjourn @ 1:30.

#### 7. NEXT MEETING: March 29, 2011

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