

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2010

of the

## WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

of the

## EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST



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IN ATTENDANCE: Gene Kissinger, chair, Kelli Hayes, Al Johnson, Paula Kendrick, Bob Kueski, Tom Leavitt, Pete Menconi, Cecil Matthews, SM, Paul Neu, Scott Urquhart, by conference call, Ken Jones.

### 1. TEAM UPDATES

- Engage 2025 - SM reported on
  - Progress toward developing partner churches. At present Cherry Creek has made a firm commitment. Other congregations have expressed substantial interest.
  - SM's specific progress
    - Getting house ready to put on market; the Lord has provided a "house sitting" opportunity during the transition.
    - He plans a substantial trip to the east coast and elsewhere to visit supporters, and develop new ones. He will be on this trip during the next Presbytery meeting. We discussed how he might communicate with people attending that meeting, given his absence.
    - He plans to develop a process for engaging people on short-term mission trips in his activities in South Sumatra.
    - We should use the term "engage" to describe what we want churches to do.
  - The perspectives course to be offered this winter/spring in Loveland, Fort Collins, and Cherry Hills provides an opportunity to develop a commitment for support of mission projects. He plans to participate in this course as appropriate.
- Web Site and Database - Scott: This team is developing materials to advertize the Perspectives course to be offered in three congregation (Loveland, Fort Collins, and Cherry Hills) beginning in January. This team is coordinating its work with the Equipping and Information Team.
- Mission Advancement Associate - Al: We need to develop a budget item for this position. At present the Kearbys are very short on funds. We especially need to seek funds for Don Kearby's travel. Gene will contact Marc Herbl about the current year.
- Equipping and Information - Bob: This team has started identifying available learning materials and a structure for communicating that. Bob is coordinating with Scott in preparing materials for

availability on our web site. We need to investigate the possibility of hosting a seminar on missions; even a webinar. This could be a possibility for next year

- The WOC should help congregations to see local mission needs, as well as global needs. Pete pointed out that now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century here in the USA we are living on a continuum with Local Outreach on one end and World Missions on the other end; it is now NOT an either-or situation. To get more people involved, we have to have more on ramps; that is, easy paths to getting people involved. Pete will make a list of potential “On Ramps”.
- The Multiethnic Conference (April 8 & 9, 2011) provides such an opportunity. We need to help advertize it.
- Becoming a Missional Presbytery - Gene: We discussed the need for missionary care.

## 2. MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION ITEMS

- World Outreach Budget Needs for 2011 - We should seek
  - \$5,000 for Engage 2025
  - \$5,000 for Mission Advancement Associate - primarily for travel and communication
  - \$2,500 for Don Kearby for the balance of 2010
  - Consider scholarships for persons to participate in mission advancement/development activities such as taking Short Term Missions trips with SM and, in the future, to check out SM’s ministry in South Sumatra. This is all part of our Engage 2025 project.
- New Presbytery of the Far West - It looks like it will be operational by October, 2011. Of course General Assembly action is needed at the June, 2011 meeting, but that looks very likely. There will need to be a year or so of transition. Our committee will need to coordinate with the new committee in the Far West.
- Perspectives Class: Course presentation is firm, starting in January.
  - Faith Evangelical, Loveland, starting January 15, 2011, 3 - 6 pm
  - Christ Fellowship Church, Fort Collins, starting Monday, January 17
  - Cherry Hills Community Church, Highlands Ranch, starting Tuesday, January 18
- World Vision Bible Study - Richard Sterns, CEO of World Vision, has written a book **The Hole in the Gospel**, and developed solid learning materials on a DVD. He gave a presentation at Cherry Hills and left several sets of instructional materials. Gene offered each of us a copy, and most attendees took a one.
- We need to develop material oriented toward missionary care. Ken reported on people he knew that actively participate in missionary care.

3. NEXT MEETING: September 15, 2010, Fireside Room (#225),  
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3900 Grace Boulevard  
Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80126