

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

of the

WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

of the

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST



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IN ATTENDANCE: Gene Kissinger, chair, Mike Anderson, Dan Carroll, Kelly Downs, Greg Ehlert, Kelli Hayes, Don Kearby, Paula Kendrick, Bob Kueski, Cecil Matthews, Chris Smith, Scott Urquhart, and by conference call, SM

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 was away working on funding and related matters, but updated us by conference call.
 - 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.
 - The role of Engage 2025 in the upcoming presbytery meeting was a substantial topic reported below.
- Web Site and Database - Scott: This team is coordinating its work with the Equipping and Information Team, is considering a new page reporting local events, like the April multiethnic conference in Denver. Kelli will look at current pages closely to make suggestions how to integrate such information into our web pages.
- Mission Advancement Associate - Al & Gene approached Marc Huebl about funding from the presbytery for Don Kearby, both for the balance of this year and next year. Marc was very supportive of the proposal the WOC advanced and was reported in last month's minutes. Marc noted that the pending departure of the west coast congregations to a new presbytery might complicate things, but he agreed to advance the WOC recommendations.
- Equipping and Information - Bob and Scott have started collaborating on how to present substantial sets of material Bob has. We again discussed hosting webinars on outreach matters at the congregational level. This should be a possibility for next year
- Becoming a Missional Presbytery - Gene: We discussed the need for missionary care.

2. PRESBYTERY MEETING (October 1 & 2): The WOC has a 30-minute slot. The following is a list of things the committee should report on:
- Most of the focus should be on Engage 2025, but we need to also report on these things:
 - Communication from WOC to congregations. Highlight the intent of the WOC web site to support local outreach activities with information and access to learning materials.
 - Ask for relevant and timely information for this communication vehicle.
 - Report on Don Kearby's roles as regional Mission Advancement Associate. Highlight his relation to local congregations.
 - The denomination has made a decision to have a small national office and very modest funding. Thus funding for the advancement of outreach has to occur at the presbytery and congregational level.
 - 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. This could be the basis for a congregation's study of outreach.
 - Engage 2025 will be highlighted as the major current outreach project advanced by the WOC. Al Johnson, Bob Kueski, and Kelly Downs will be responsible for organizing the details of that presentation as neither Gene nor SM will be available to attend that meeting. The thinking at this meeting was that the presentation would include:
 - Recap of the vision for ENGAGE 2025
 - Why we are doing it,
 - What we are doing,
 - Who's involved,
 - What does a partnership look like, and
 - What does an agreement look like.
 - AN EXAMPLE: SM and his family's commitment to go to South Sumatra, represented by a five-minute video clip from SM,
 - Building a team - partnerships with congregations
 - An explanation of how congregations could support this work, and
 - Printed material available to presbyters,
 - A CALL TO ACTION:
 - We need people:
 - Key contacts within congregations,
 - Missionaries to go,
 - Home team members.
 - We need resources
3. Mission Advancement Associate - Don Kearby: Work continues on developing working plans, support materials, responsibilities, and coordination among the regional associates. Two other people are at various stages in assuming associate roles in other regions.
4. NEXT MEETING: October 20, 2010
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