

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2009

of the

## WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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**In Attendance:** Gene Kissinger, Marty Martin, Scott Urquhart, Bob Kueski, Pete Menconi, Sean McKelvey, Cecil Matthews, Chris Smith, Tom Levitt, Kelli Hayes, Don Kearby, and Elsie Demerest.

1. Don Kearby gave an update on the status and recent developments in his ministry. He has been called away from his ministry in Kenya to a new possibility to serve with the EPC as a MISSION ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATE. He has been approached by George Carry for this position, which Don could help define. He would be responsible for raising his own funding, as we understood it. The plan from the national office is for there to be three such positions: east, central, and west. As Don would be the first one, he may be temporarily responsible for the whole country. Our group was quite supportive of this effort, and inquired about the value of letters of support, and helping find the needed funding.

2. Elsie Demerest, a member of the national WOC, discussed current activities of that committee. There will be a Missionary Care gathering at Keystone (Dillon), CO, June 16 - 22, 2010 - immediately prior to General Assembly. The hope is that 50 units (10 EPC + 40 cooped) will participate. Elsie also updated us on the mission survey.

3. Sean McElvey gave an update on the International Church Planting teams. Sean is working to organize a meeting with leaders of young adult groups in churches to share the vision. He is ready to talk with possibly individual candidates.

4. Scott Urquhart gave an update on his recent trip to Tanzania, which was mainly in support of technology development. He worked through personal contacts at a university, set up a computer learning lab, and assisted in the development of a web site for a Christian school. Personal contacts in specific places have been very important to the efforts of the work of the Tanzania School Mission Team from FPC Greeley.

5. Habitat for Humanity is very involved in trying to build some low-cost "town houses" near Celebration

Community Church, with active support of that church. Most of the residents would be “internationals.” Ryan Harrison (a woman) is Celebration Church’s coordinator. Should this project be an action point for the February meeting? The intent is to start construction in the Spring of 2010.

6. The National Ethnic Church Conference has been an ongoing activity. The summit met in Phoenix in 2009, will meet in Boston in 2010, and is scheduled for Denver in 2011 (April 6 - 8). We need to publicize this in our churches as a good way to learn about and help people minister to internationals. Can the EPC do one main thing at this conference? It will be held at Colorado Community Church; contact = Tom Heng. Could the EPC sponsor a meal for Denver area ethnic churches?

7. The group discussed the agenda for the WOC contribution to the February, 2010 meeting.

A. Panel of “practitioners”

B. Panel for discussion of International Church Planting teams

C. Small group discussions on Missional

Many details remain to be finalized at the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.