

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2009

of the

## WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

of the

## EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST



**In Attendance:** Gene Kissinger, Scott Urquhart, Bob Kueski, Pete Menconi, Sean McKelvey, Cecil Matthews, Chris Smith, Kelli Hayes, Don Kearby, Mike Anderson, Marc Huebl, Krishna Napit, and Amanda Nelson.

1. Amanda Nelson, representing Habitat for Humanity, discussed the **Bails Townhome Community** project. It has several notable features, including being “green-oriented”, transit oriented, and accessible to internationals. At the time of her discussion, Amanda reported that 23 of the 24 townhouses had identified owners, including 57 children. Prospective families come from 11 countries. The townhomes range in size from two to four bedrooms, and are sized for the family. From early January through August 90 volunteers are needed per day (Wednesday - Saturday, age 16+, hours: 9:00 - 4:30). Habitat is working closely with the nearby Celebration Community Church. We should encourage various groups to volunteer. Specifically EPC has 20 spots on January 22, and April 21 is pastor build day. Some additional funding still is needed.

2. We welcomed Krishna Napit. He described his path to Christianity, and his current interest in ordination for the ministry. At present he is a faculty member at the University of Denver.

3. We worked on plans for the February presentation at the Presbytery meeting. Marc told us he was trying to hold open about three hours in the afternoon of February 5 for presentations by the World Outreach Committee. At the end of our discussion the prospective program looked like this:

### **MISSIONAL at the PRESBYTERY MEETING FEB 5, 2010**

Current plans for the presbytery meeting February 5, 2010 include about three hours devoted to World Outreach in the afternoon. The plan is to have two panels with time for discussion. The two panels are planned to address

- what “missional” means in practical terms
- international church planting efforts

Panel discussion on what it means to be “missional.”

- What it means to the pastor
- What it means to members of the congregation
- Intent is to have two pastors, each with a member of their choosing to make the panel presentations - to seed discussion
  - Doug Brown, Greeley - focusing mainly on international mission interests - discuss recent trips to East Africa and what motivated them, and consequences; how has it impacted participants? Congregation?
  - Jim Murphy, Loveland - focusing mainly on local mission activities, what motivated them, and consequences; how has it impacted participants? Congregation?
- Topics this panel might address:
  - What are we doing that we consider missional?
  - What moved our church toward being missional?
  - Was this top down, or bottom up, or both?
  - Has becoming more missional caused the church to become more unified?
  - Has the missional movement caused your church to do things differently?
  - Has being missional caused us to be more intentional?
  - Who is more missional in your church - pastor or members? Am I in the way of my members being missional?
  - Is there another organization/congregation in my community that I could partner with?

There may be small group discussions around tables where participants will be seated. Possible topics for discussion:

- What is my church and/or our members doing that we haven’t labeled as missional?
- What could my church’s next step be?
- What could churches in the presbytery, or several nearby, do together?
- How can we better communicate between our churches what we are doing?
- What is one tool that could help my church?
- Here is one way the presbytery could help become more missional.
- Here is my one question \_\_\_\_\_
- My church would like more information on the church planting team idea. Please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .

This prospective program is subject to further “tuning” at the meeting January 12.

The meeting was adjourned.