

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2009

of the

## WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

of the

## EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST



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**In Attendance:** Gil Odendaal (via conference call), Kelli Hayes, Merri Helton, Pete Menconi, Al Johnson, Ken Geoffrion, Scott Urquhart, Bob Kuseski, Chris Smith, Sean McKelvey, Cecil Matthews, Gene Kissinger

Scott Urquhart updated the group on the WOC web page. All agreed it was looking great. Scott needs the following information:

Short Term trips being offered by churches in the presbytery. **PLEASE HELP SCOTT BY PASSING THIS INFORMATION ON FROM YOUR CHURCH.**

In addition to EPC trips, we discussed adding organizations to the site that offer trips. We agreed that we'd need to establish some criteria for which organizations we'd list. This idea needs further discussion.

Gene is to get information to Scott on the presentation done at the May 1<sup>st</sup> presbytery meeting.

We'd like to expand the resource page to include book recommendations and training opportunities. **PLEASE SUBMIT RESOURCES YOU'D RECOMMEND TO SCOTT.**

We discussed what future presentations to the presbytery might focus on. At the June Council meeting, the Council discussed a Theme for October meeting being something around "Kingdom Builders" or "Growing the Kingdom," still building on a missional theme. There was some discussion about having Rev. Rufus Smith come and tell his story, as well as asking the hosting church about what kingdom building ministries they have been involved in.

The WOC recommended that Covenant church take whatever time is allocated for a presentation and use it to tell their story of thier church's outreach and invite Rev. Smith if that seems like a good idea.

Assuming that the Council agrees with this, the WOC will concentrate on the presbytery meeting in February. The following thoughts were shared:

We should think in terms of "crawl, walk, run" when we think of progress we can make.

We need to identify what the gaps are between what churches are doing and what they'd like to be doing and help close those gaps.

Who's our audience at presbytery meetings? Mostly pastors, so our message should be directed at them.

We need to use the past presbytery presentations to lay the foundation for future presentations.

How can we engage the audience is a discussion about what it means to be missional? Let's move away from making presentation to having dialog. What would that look like?

Can we ask the following series of questions and get people sharing their thoughts?

- How has the world changed?
- How has your community changed?
- How has your church changed?
- What changes should your church experience?

These are questions we need to continue to discuss at the July meeting.

After a brief discussion about training opportunities we could offer to the presbytery, the meeting was adjourned.