



Missions Committee Minutes

August 3, 2026

Those present: Karen Campbell, chair; Larry Fleming; Gisela Goetz; Betsy Mellon; Laura Paxton; Peter Raymond; Bob and Ellie Smith; Larry Smith and Jan Corbett, secretary.

Those missed: Dan Kulp and Tracy Jackson.

- ☐ Meeting opened in prayer.
- ☐ Committee welcomed special guest, Terry Webster who represented East Main Good Neighbors. This newly formed organization has seven board members, but many volunteers. Their purpose is to assist elderly and disabled families within a 20-mile radius of the church with small handyman projects, i.e. carpentry, plumbing and other household repairs. They have \$547 in their account currently. Donations for their work can be designated and given to the church office.
- ☐ Minutes of the July 6, 2026 meeting were approved after a motion by Ellie Smith and a second by Betsy Mellon.
- ☐ Mission mail received from Promise of Life, Mark and Nancy Smith and Seneca Hills was circulated.
- ☐ Missionary Partner Focus:
 - August 16: Todd Patterson preaching after committee gathering at Campbells on August 15 at 5:30 p.m. (Pizza).
 - September: Celebrating Wilmington Urban Promise Trip.
 - September/October: Promoting CHLTB.
 - October 18: Kirk Franklin (Wycliffe) preaching.
- ☐ Bill Hoffman arrived to explain the decision by him and the Session that there would be no Thank Offering received this year due to the focus on raising capital for the renovations, elevator and office spaces. This offering, which has been part of the mission giving of East Main and numerous other congregations and denominations for over 100 years, is not a gift for the PCUSA but an offering of Thanks to God for His many blessings. Some members of the committee were very dismayed with this announcement.
- ☐ Old Business: After an email committee vote, in response to Rose Phillip's request, 30 NIV Bibles and 15 NIV Celebrate Recovery Bibles were purchased from Unforeseen from the online site Christian Book.com. Total cost \$263.78. Unforeseen balance \$6685.
- ☐ New Business: Discussion changing eduKenya and/or Harvest Bridge monthly amount from \$700 to \$500. A motion was offered by Laura Paxton that we cut back the amount to each of these organizations by \$200/month, as they have a well-established support base. After a second by Ellie Smith, the motion carried.
- ☐ Discussion: possible support for Logan Clark of Pine Valley Camp. Some members of the committee visited and had great experience on July 28. He needs to raise support of \$3000/month, currently has \$800. Logan and family attend East Main. A motion was offered by Laura Paxton that we give \$600/month to Pine Valley Camp, to be credited to Logan's account, starting in August 2026. With a second by Ellie Smith, the motion carried.
- ☐ Distributions Approval: The committee authorized disbursement of August distributions of \$7300.
- ☐ Comments from Committee: Karen is very grateful to Tracy Jackson for her displays on the Mission bulletin board.
- ☐ Next meeting : September 13, 2026.

Meeting closed in prayer by Bob Smith.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Corbett, secretary.