



## Missions Committee Minutes

November 3, 2025

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

Those missed: Larry Fleming; Tracy Jackson; Dan Kulp; Betsy Mellon and Laura Paxton.

- Special Guest: Dan Ritenour, president of (CAN) Christian Assistance Network, gave an overview of the organization which exists to assist people who are experiencing a short-term financial crisis. All members of the board are volunteers and five of the thirteen are East Main members. The church donates meeting space and use of its mailing address. Most of the support given by CAN is for rent and or utilities. All CAN funds are received from churches, individuals and the United Way.
- Minutes of the October 6, 2025 meeting were approved with one correction after a motion by Ellie Smith and second by Bob Smith.
- Unforeseen balance available \$2211.
- Old Business
  - Yasir has started the school for Sudanese refugees in Cairo.
  - 2026 Budget – The committee reviewed the suggested changes. After a motion by Larry Smith, and a second by Ellie Smith, the motion to accept the 2026 budget was passed.
    - Budget note: Urban Promise has been removed from the monthly support.
  - Advent offering recipient: After discussing several potential recipients, Peter Raymond made the motion that the offering be donated to Sudan for teachers' salaries at Nile Theological College and Juba Bible school as they have not been paid for several months. With a second by Ellie Smith the motion carried.
- New Business:
  - Amy Hoffman has requested that we give funds for Angel Tree caregivers' gifts. After discussion Bob Smith made a motion we give up to \$300 if needed for gifts to the caregivers. With a second by Gisela Goetz the motion carried.
- Distributions approval: Bob Smith made the motion to disburse the regular monthly distributions of \$7864. With a second by Gisela Goetz the motion passed.
- Comments from Committee:
  - Bob Smith had received a mailing from Campus Crusade, CRU, requesting funds for Bibles for the Middle East at \$6.75 each. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Next meeting December 8, the second Monday.
- Meeting closed in prayer by the committee, including prayers for Mark Smith who was hospitalized again recently.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Corbett, secretary.