

East Main Mission Committee Minutes

May 4, 2026 – 6:30 PM – EMPC Fellowship Hall

Those Present: Karen Campbell (Chair), Gisela Goetz, Larry Fleming, Dan Kulp, Betsy Mellon, Laura Paxton, Pete Raymond, Larry Smith, Bob & Ellie Smith

Opening Prayer: Dan Kulp

Special Guest: Jim Leuenberger – very experienced PCUSA representative to South Sudan preparing for his fifth trip, 6/15–6/29, at Ministry Training Centers. This is 4th year for Civil War in Sudan area. Thanked EMPC for money he delivered to unpaid teachers where he taught last trip – Nile Theological Colleges (now in Atbara, Sudan) and NTC in Juba, South Sudan; Juba Evangelical Bible School; Jesus Impact School of Mission and Mercy Primary School.

Mission mail: passed around table

Approval of April 6th Minutes: approved as read; motion by Ellie; second-Betsy

Missionary Partner Focus:

May – Harvest Bridge; 5/24 Tim Mech, ministry update

June – CAN; 6/21 Dan Ritenour or other ministry update

Old Business:

Unforeseen Balance \$9,035

New Business:

Action on request from Misha Dubovyk in Ukraine regarding rehab center for soldiers and their families. In 2021 EMPC donated \$4,000 to help purchase a vehicle. This year: \$1,000 from Unforeseen to Misha for the rehabilitation center in the Carpathians for Ukrainian military personnel and their families. Motion-Ellie, Second-Laura., Motion passes.

Partnership Analysis:

Wait. Received update (5/4/26) from Fred & Kathy Mueller regarding summer plans for two trips to the Crow reservation in Montana. The first, June 5-15, for praying and preparing for main trip in late August/early September, teaming up with Zac Linton from Overflow Ministries. Committee will consider financial contribution at later date since Mueller's have more than sufficient funds at this time.

Distributions Approval:

Motion-Laura, Second-Dan and Approval for \$7,900 for May and June distributions.

Committee Comments:

Well-funded organizations could be reduced slightly to give raises to lower level groups in our Missions Budget. Under consideration next time will be eduKenya and Harvest Bridge that could impact lower level agencies with fewer financial resources.

Congratulations to long-time EM member, Terry Webster, who was presented the Community Volunteer Award by the Grove City Area United Way on April 17th.

Committee noted the congregation's enthusiastic response to STUFF THE DUFFLE, another indication that people relate well to a hands on project and Pastor Bill's promotion.

Closing Prayers by Committee: Karen and others, followed by Adjournment at 8:15 PM

Campbell's invite Committee to their back yard for "best seats in the Borough" (bring your lawn chairs) for July 4th fireworks!

Next Missions Committee Meeting: July 6, 2026 No June meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Bob S. pinch-hitting for Jan C.