



Missions Committee Minutes

March 3, 2025

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

Those missed: Betsy Mellon, Tracey Jackson and Bob and Ellie Smith.

- Meeting opened in prayer by Larry Fleming.
- Mission mail circulated had been received from Smiths with Native American Youth, Harvest Bridge, Promise of Life Network, New Life Radio, Garrisons. A printed summary was distributed.
- Minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2024 were approved as read after a motion by Larry Smith and second by Larry Fleming.
- Missionary Partner Focus:
 - March: Recipient of Lenten Offering; announce March 23.
 - April: Recipient of Lenten Offering; Easter is April 20.
 - May: Christian Radio for Russia potluck May 25. Johnsons will be here.
- Old Business
 - Heart for Missions Market: \$7160 received total
 - Promise of Life Network \$560
 - CAN, Christian Assistance Network \$1045
 - eduKenya \$645
 - EM Youth summer mission trips \$895
 - Barry and Suzzanne Nichol JAARS \$690
 - Christian Radio for Russia (and Ukraine) \$1175 (needs new location to buy in Odessa)
 - Sudan Presbyterian Seminary and Bible college \$495
 - Harvest Bridge \$905
 - Days for Girls \$750 (probably will prepare meal again next year)
- New Business:
 - Summary of Karen and Laura's meeting with Session 1/21/25
 - Session members need to know more of what Missions committee does; suggest they send a member to Missions meeting each month; send a copy of recap to each member.
 - Karen and Laura requested \$5000 more, a one-time increase.
 - An updated mission partner booklet is needed. Laura will work on it.
 - Lenten Offering (March 23 to be announced). After discussion, a motion was offered by Larry Smith that the Lenten offering be sent to World Vision for emergency food aid for Sudan and South Sudan. With a second by Larry Fleming, the motion carried.
 - Discussion for a donation to LA Fire Fund for affected ECO churches was tabled pending the receipt of more information, which Karen will seek.
 - Blessing Bags will be distributed on March 16, to be returned March 30. They will be picked up by the Food Pantry on April 2 at 9 a.m.
- Distributions: A motion was offered by Peter Raymond that the March distributions of \$7549 be disbursed. After a second by Laura Paxton, the motion carried.
The committee had voted via email to disburse the January and February distributions.
- Next meeting April 7, 2025
- Meeting closed in prayer

Respectfully submitted by Jan Corbett, secretary.