

Mission Promotion Team Dec 15 2018

Present: Jill Michael, Lyndy Zabel, Ed Holland, Mary Longsdorf, Cindy Staufferer, Karen Thompson, Ruth Wiertzema, Beth Holland,
By phone: Pat Toschak, Gary Bochman, Becky Boland, Lori McBride

Devotions by Ruth

Budget Report:

Lyndy provided a budget report. Much of the Global Health monies were for healthkit transportation.

Budgets:

	2018 Budget	Actual	2019	2020 request (put in by Lyndy)
Global Health	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,490	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000
Mission Promotion	\$ 9,000	\$ 5,462	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
School-Church Partnership	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,946	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Conference Mission Trip	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,762	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
SE Asia Partnership	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,399	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000

SE Asia partnership is divided between Vietnam and Laos. 2019 budget has been approved. Lyndy put in the budget request for 2020. In January the budget will be worked on by the budget process and then presented to Annual Conference.

School/Church partnerships: Jill reported that we had 16 churches that received funds. Jill would like us to re-think how we're doing this partnership. We continue to get requests for funds for food/winter gear ect- not new programs. We talked about the partnership goal and want to make sure they are involved with the school community. Beth and Jill will work on the format of the applications and have one to review at our next meeting. Becky suggested asking how the church has integrated into the school community, can we ask if they have looked at best practices for these partnerships. (see The Art of Neighboring) Mary said that THE MISSION-MINDED GUIDE TO CHURCH AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS by Jake McGlothlin is on the reading list for UMW this year. Karen will connect Jill and Beth with financial accountability contact at GBGM. Lyndy asked if we can include questions about Jason's book and if they have read it so we know what their goals are. Jill has info from some of the partnerships and their results. Lori suggested that we may want to have the grants go to those who are seeking to expand their program.

Health Ministries/AIDS Summit report: (see Ed's notes attached) Ed felt the conference dealt more with the psycho/social/spiritual stigmas of HIV/AIDS patients. The challenge is how faith

communities can deal with these issues. Ed's report includes links to resources. The UMC Global AIDS site has some great resources. The plenary session and worship services from the conference are available online. Ed feels the biggest role for the church is to address stigma issues. Ed said his plan is to work thru congregational nurses. If we observed World AIDS day might be a good first step to build awareness. Ed sent his report to Christa and hopes she'll be able to promote it as well.

Earthkeepers has requested to be a conference advance special. They were commissioned at Annual Conference. Lyndy will notify them and will get them added to the list on the conference website.

Laos: Hamline Univ. group of professors and students are heading to Laos and learning about cultures, religions, unexploded ordinances, and will be teaching english. They will be going in January. The Barte's and D, Yang are missionaries in Laos and have intinerated in MN. There is a new country director, I. Patnin, for Laos. This will allow us to send teams to Laos.

Vietnam: Cindy told us that she and Lyndy recently went to Vietnam. They attended their annual conference and a consultation. There has been some upheaval in Vietnam. They have attended AC there in the past-- this time there were many voices and many people were excited about what will be happening in the future. When the leaders were asked why they wanted to become United Methodists, the answer was the 'openness' of the UMC- communion and leadership was most attractive. Global Ministries is working to find a country director. They are working with the different groups of the general church to train and grow the church. Several representatives from other conferences also attended. GBGM UMW Higher Ed, UMCOMM, General Board of Finance representatives were there working collaboratively to train and learn about UMC. We're unclear if there is an active movement to getting UMC recognised in Vietnam. Lyndy and Cindy have recommited MN Conf. to supporting Quynn as a missionary there and there is a meeting of the MN partnership team in January. The team is open to exploring the needs that may arise.

Puerto Rico-- over 60 have gone or will go to PR. There were several teams who have gone. All those teams are full. Lyndy says the church there is well organized and supplies are arriving as needed.

2019 conference family mission trip, to Spirit Lake Ministry Center in ND. The challenge was finding a place that could accommodate children and adults. They have 8 who are interested. They have room for 25. Applications due by April 30. The trip is July 7-13.

Annual Conference-- We talked about display ideas of a garden fountain or well. Becky has a TV we could use for videos. Karen asked for any stories, visuals and so on to be sent to her. We know that Quigg's are coming. We like when Dr. Ige came and spoke. One suggestion was for the lunch-time events. If we could partner with the local health organization (Centra) and Dr. Ige might be a possibility. Perhaps someone to talk about SE Asia. Karen will reach out to

sessions team about this. We talked about assembling kits. Right before dinner wasn't a great time but after dinner worked well. Lyndy will contact Sager-Brown and MMDC and see what they are accepting. We like assembling them and having the hands on projects. Becky reported that in Spirit Lake, they have issues with flooding, so bringing cleaning buckets might be an option. .

Love Offering: We talked about Volunteer Lawyers Network (Colleen Beebe is a UM contact), New church development in Laos, (supporting D. Yang's ministry in Laos), Small Sums is based in St. Paul, (they help homeless individuals who have found work move out of homelessness), Star Lake Wilderness Camp ministry with Native American youth (Mark Woodward request; this is not part of MN Conf. Camping program), Expanding Haiti Partnership in Ybon sector working with mobile clinic (Haiti Partnership of Central Minn team has requested \$8000 for central MN churches to work with Methodist Church in Haiti with focus on community health and community development);

Lyndy advocated Laos would be a good choice as we haven't supported them in the past.

Ed suggested UMC- Global Health AIDS fund which is an international program.

While VLN is a national organization, they have offices in MPLS and St. Paul and are looking at offices in Duluth and Rochester.

Lori suggested:

20% to VLN

20% to VIM

60% to Laos

The team agreed this will be the recipients of the 2019 Love Offering. Karen will talk with Christa about the Love Offering (remind to only use initials for Laos) and Hamline Connection.

Mission Summit: Sept 28 in Alexandria (suggestion) but Hubbard UMC has a mission event in September. Beth will find out when their event is. We would like to keep the same format.

VIM Scholarship Team: the current team has been doing this for several years and would like to move off. The scholarship application forms either go to Lyndy or the team chair. Much of their work is completed by email. Then they must report back to conference. Lori McBride said she would be willing to help with this program. Lyndy will connect Lori and JoAnn so it can be completed.

Beth moved that any unspent funds in the Mission Promotion Team budget be given to the Haiti Partnership Mobile Clinic project. We all agreed. Lyndy will facilitate this.

Minuted submitted by Karen Thompson

