Agenda: Mission Council and Budget Team

Monday April 12, 2021

7PM Zoom Call

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(Starred items on the Weebly site linked above)

[Communication with Session Form](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1gv7ikwHpGbYHnS1Cy7M2XRQu3PiQmQ3kUKbFLFZpDLg/edit?usp=sharing)

Attendees: Susan Wilkins (Co-Chair), Richard Taiwo, Dave Ivaska, Younan Shiba, Cam Traut (Co-Chair), Dick Warnecke (Elder), Peter Steffen, Barb Smith, Sonia Bodi, Ron Ehresman, Melanie Myatt, Tessa Myatt;

 Caryl Weinberg (staff).

7:00: Open with Prayer/Devotion (Susan)

7:15-7:35 Meet with Ken Johnson for update on Christudas/United Mission to India

7:40-8:00: Financial Report/Decisions: (Susan)

* Recap of Finance Status
* Decide on Christudas/UMI funding (See attached proposal)\*\*\*\*
	+ (Note 1 Lakh = +/- $1,500
* Review purpose/composition of Missions Budget Team (with proposed name change)\*\*\*\*

8:00-8:25: Leadership Goal Work:

* Goal 1: Develop and implement an educational curriculum that nurtures, trains, and mentors lay leaders so that 20 new individuals will participate in mission-related activities by January 2022.
* Are there specific recommendations we should put on the calendar now?
	+ Possibilities after results of [Perspectives’ class survey](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Z9lb_Yo9GFLyF29IRW3_2pjvHE5rsrSr-08-Eo74GG8/edit):
		- Cross Cultural Training
		- Event at a mosque with Dan McNerney
		- Follow- up teaching on interacting with Muslims
		- Engagement in local Chicago ministries (Michael Allen Together Chicago)
	+ Virtual Mission Trip to Bethlehem?
	+ Frontier Fellowship Anniversary Celebration (October 13-14)
	+ Host Ukrainian guests late October/Early November?

 Note activity with Youth Mission Collaboration

* + Goal 2: Collaborate with Our Families/Our Children Council to develop a partnership/friendship program between our children/youth and our partners in mission’ children/youth locally and globally by January 2022

8:25 Updates from Caryl

* Great Commission Grants approved by Session
* New Volunteers for First Friends
* Pastor Ray on Sabbatical until July 5.
* Movie Team Progress (Do you recommend any of the films – or others you have seen?)
* Palestine Update: Cam

NEXT MEETING DATE:

* Next Meeting Date: Monday May 17, 2021

“Our vision is to empower and equip every member of FPCE to be Christ’s witnesses locally and globally.” We do this by: “Engaging with our partners; focusing on relational and cross-cultural outreach ministries in areas of disparities with vulnerable people groups, focusing our funds on those serving in full time ministry, mainly in unreached areas; and providing education that is relevant and equipping in nature.”

Current Priorities

* Adult Education/curriculum:
* Communication/Congregational Engagement
* Mission Partner Care:
* Community Outreach (Evanston):
* Mission Trips:
* Refugees/First Friends

FPCE FOCUS GOALS 2020:

* + Goal 2: By January 2022, two thirds of the FPCE members have joined a small group.
	+ Goal 3: By January 2022, 100 FPCE members have experienced a robust training and development program for lay leadership that resulted in new lay leaders, mentors and volunteers.
	+ Goal 4: By January 2022, 100 kids have regularly attended PYGS and 100 kids have regularly attended NUBS. (Increase children and youth participation in the life of FPCE.)