

Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Synod
Committee for Mission Minutes (in worship format)
Saturday, October 23, 2011

Present: Kelly Speak (Acting Chair), Pastor Larry Ulrich (Assistant to the Bishop), Randy Loeb (Secretary) Carol Bilinsky, Pastor Stacey Moroz, Dave Chell (arrived at 10:45)

Regrets: David Kaminski

- **Welcome/Opening Prayer**

After assuming the position of acting Chair for the meeting, Kelly Speak led us in prayer. We each shared something memorable that has recently happened and described where we've seen God working with or through us.

- **We Admit How We Are**

The agenda for this meeting was approved as were the minutes of our last meeting, held on May 7, 2011. In discussion about grant applications it was felt that committee members could receive grant applications as they are submitted so that we have time to review them before the meeting. Questions about the application should be given to Pastor Larry who would ask the questions of the appropriate person(s) and forward the answer(s) to committee members. Applicants should be reminded that if a grant is approved, a report on the project is due in September.

We reviewed the CECF reports and Pastor Larry reminded us of how these funds have been generated, allocated, and used. In turn we read through the Mission Committee Mandate from the bylaws.

- **We Hear and Contemplate the Word**

Matthew 22: 34-40 was offered up for personal and shared reflection.

- **We Bring Our Offering/Do Our Work and Feast Together**

Pastor Larry shared that Jack and Val Fredrick are "on their way" to the Cameroon. Kelly Speak reviewed the Companion Synod Sub Committee report. She highlighted that at the present time, two sub-groups on the Cameroon have been meeting, the group that went on the Mission trip in 2010 and had made a commitment to continue the work for two years, as well as the Cameroon sub-committee which reports directly to the Mission Committee. In light of the fact that the two year commitment will draw to a close for trip participants (February 2012), might any of those folks want to continue to be involved with the Cameroon initiative in some way and how would they do this? Pastor Larry and Kelly will do some further reflecting and make some decisions about reorganizing the Cameroon sub-committees on behalf of the Mission Committee. Information about the planning/preparation for the 2012 Women in Leadership trip to the Cameroon was presented.

MSC CM 11-10-1 Moved and Seconded

That we formally approve the 2012 Women in Leadership trip as a Mission project of the MNO Synod. Carried

MSC CM 11-10-2 Moved and Seconded

That the 2012 Women in Leadership sub committee develop a budget and present it to the Companion Synod Sub Committee for approval. Carried

Randy Loeb shared about the Back to Church Sunday workshop presented earlier this year and sponsored from Mission as Hope funds. He recommended that the workshop be offered again in 2012 and that this committee consider support for this endeavour as a mission project.

There have been two Evangelism workshops shared with congregations since the last Cameroon trip. Video clips used at the synod convention will offer the workshop to other congregations.

As part of our support for re:CALL, November 15 to 17, we were encouraged to cover the costs for the denominational meal time with funds from CECF Training Opportunities.

Pastor Larry will engage St. Luke's Zion in exploring the possibility of undertaking some mission development work in their area of the city. Pastor Larry shared the process whereby volunteers were sent out into the new Sage Creek neighbourhood to do door knocking. It is contemplated that this area of work will need some budget support if a space for a gathering might be needed.

An application has been received from Lutheran Urban Ministry seeking support for their work.

MSC CM 11-10-3 Moved and Seconded

That the application for support from LUM is approved subject to these conditions being met:

There will be conversation between the Bishop and the LUM Board to clarify the role of the position described as "pastor" in the application, and

This application is mutually supported by the Bishop and Synod Council, and

This financial support will be for a three year term with \$17,500 in 2012; \$12,500 in 2013; and \$6,000 in 2014.

Carried

Eldership Unleashed is a possible new model for rural ministry and four different workshops will be offered at the Brokenhead Conference Convention at the end of this month. Pastor Larry will communicate with us how the workshops/model was received.

**MSC CM 11-10-4 Moved and Seconded
That we approve the amended budgets for 2012
Carried**

Companion Synod/CCMET \$4000
Mission Planting Canada Membership \$500
Meetings \$1000
Training Opportunities/Back to Church Sunday \$1000
South Winnipeg Development \$500

CECF

The Urban (LUM) \$17,500
National Mission Consultation \$500
BC Synod \$1000
Training Opportunities \$1000

**MSC CM 11-10-5 Moved and Seconded
That we approve the 2013-2014 budgets
Carried**

	2013	2014
Companion Synod/CCMET	\$4000	\$2000
Mission Planting Canada Membership	\$500	\$500
Meetings	\$1000	\$1000
Training Opportunities	\$1000	\$1000
South Winnipeg Development	\$500	\$2500

Note, the Companion Synod budget of \$4000 in 2013 would cover the overall costs of bringing one person from the Cameroon here.

The next meeting will be an orientation meeting for new and returning committee members. It will take place at the Synod Office from 9 a.m. to noon on April 14, 2012.