

MISSIONS – November 16, 2022  
7:00 PM

Mary Ellen Hettinger, facilitator called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Pastor Liz Frey provided the opening prayer. Others present were: Janis Martinez, Joyce Roy, Karen Wright, Patty Wilson, Carol Crowe, Karen Edmiston, Mary Haar. Janet Kissinger was excused for the evening.

The minutes from the September and October meetings were approved by Janis Martinez and seconded by Carol Crowe.

**Advisor Update** –Pastor Liz Frey noted there was no update.

**Missions Finances**-Additional Benevolence Giving for 2022 was decided. Mary Ellen Hettinger mentioned Lutheran World Relief Ukraine gifts are being matched. Carol Crowe moved for \$500 to be allocated to Lutheran World Relief Ukraine from the Missions designated fund line 460, and \$500 should be allocated from the Missions designated fund line 460 to ELCA Hurricane Disaster Response in Florida and Southeastern United States. Patty Wilson seconded, and the motion carried.

#### **ELCA Global Mission Partners**

**YAGM Program - Quentin Bernhard** – Mary Ellen Hettinger, recommended having a Christmas card available for parishioners to sign next weekend in the Gathering Space. We will plan to send a care package to him in early January no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> for his half birthday in February. Mary Ellen Hettinger will contact him to see if there is anything specific, he might need, such as treats. We will send something to him for Easter, too. We can email back and forth about what to include in the care package.

**Missions Partner**-Reverend Truscott is ending his time in Singapore and is coming home to the United States. We need a new partner for 2023. A discussion was held, and it was recommended we choose someone who is in driving distance for when they return to the United States. Deacon April Trout from Tanzania has been in contact with Pastor Liz Frey. Karen Edmiston moved to choose Deacon April Trout for our Mission Partner for 2023. Carol Crowe seconded, and the motion carried.

**Missions Publicity** – Joyce Roy stated there is no report. The Giving Tree is up in the Gathering Space. Good Gifts needs to be added to the publicity.

**Missions Guatemala/Tree 4 Hope** -Janis Martinez provided Summer Mission Tripupdate. A flyer was created to provide details for those interested in going. Five people attended the meeting, and four of them are unable to go this summer. Janis provided an update of how many will be making the trip.

Mary Ellen Hettinger sent information about the girls at the school. The girls enjoy receiving communications from the parishioners, especially those who are sponsoring them.

### **Mission Projects-Ongoing**

#### **Current**

**Sewing Ministry-** Carol Crowe mentioned the last meeting of the year was this week. No meetings will be taking place in December. The ministry hopes to resume making quilts January 10.

#### **Old Business**

Mary Ellen Hettinger thanked Joe Hunter and Mitzi Jones for all their hard work in arranging the luncheon for Bishop Dunlap's visit this past Sunday. It was a very informative visit that was much appreciated.

#### **New business**

**Giving Tree-** Karen Wright and Mary Ellen Hettinger will be helping Janet Kissinger with this. An update was provided. Gift cards need to be received by December 11.

**Good Gifts-**Karen Wright will display the information in the Gathering Space.

**Volunteer /Service Fair.** Pastor Liz Frey announced this will be held January 29, 2023, from 10:00 to 11:00 and noon until 1:00. Missions Team will have a table.

#### **Thinking Ahead-**

**Budget 2023** – Mary Haar mentioned the Finance Committee will be meeting December 6.

**Spring 2023** – The questions posed was: Is there someone else we should be in contact with when Pastor Liz is out on maternity leave?

Adjournment - Lord's Prayer at 8:10 PM.

Next meeting: January 18, 2023. If something comes up in the meantime, Mary Ellen Hettinger will email the team.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Haar, Secretary and Mary Ellen Hettinger, Facilitator