

MISSIONS, Board of

Via Conference Call – February 28, 2012

Meeting held on Tuesday, February 28 @ 3pm

Present: Paul Hansen (Director), John Campbell, Allen Solheim, Glenn Ewert, Dave Collins

Meeting opened with personal introductions by board member and prayer.

Paul began the meeting by expressing the purpose, vision, and mission of the Western Conference and reminding the board that the Conference exists to serve the local church and its pastors.

Several minutes were spent reviewing the minutes from the previous board of missions meeting as well as sharing how money allotted to the Board of Missions was spent in 2011.

Following that review, discussion was had regarding the purpose of the Board of Mission as well as assessing how funds had previously be used, and clarifying that the Board does not exist to “do missions” but more so assist and encourage conference pastors and churches to engage in missions globally.

This discussion led to asking the question, “Are we aware of how churches in our conference are currently engaged in global outreach?”

WHEREAS, the Board feels as though we do not have a very good handle on how churches are currently engaged in global outreach or “missions” looks like at the majority of our conference churches, we believe it would be beneficial for the board as we move forward to gain a greater awareness of the involvement as well as the needs of churches regarding missions. **BE IT RESOLVED**, in spring of 2012 the board develop and release a survey/assessment through the conference to be taken by pastors of each conference church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a follow-up to that assessment, one or more of the board members in the summer and fall of 2012 personally visits pastors for the sake of further exploring how the board of missions can assist their church in engaging missions is a greater way.

Discussion was facilitated around the topic of “what things help a pastor and churches” be intentionally and passionately engaged in missions?” ... Several key factors were identified, such ask personal buy-in from the Lead Pastor, knowledgeable and passionate people in the church empowered to help lead, increased awareness and exposure, and first-hand experience.

WHEREAS, the Board desires to see conference pastors and church engage missions and believe that first-hand experiences and Lead Pastor buy-in are significant factors to fostering a churches heart for world, we encourage pastors who have not traveled outside of the United States on a vision Missions trip, consider doing so. **WHEREAS**, Montana on A Mission is currently exploring creating a “pastors” trip to the Philippines in October 2012 for such a purpose, **BE IT RESOLVED** the board recommends that we make this opportunity known and available to conference pastors.

Discussion was then focused on the reality that some pastors and churches simply do not know where to begin, and often can be overwhelmed by how much is out there in regard to missions.

WHEREAS, the Board desires to give pastors some help in finding a place to start, **BE IT RESOLVED** the board of missions endorses Evangelical Church Missions (ECM), as well as Montana on A Mission (MOM) as Missions organizations worth consideration.

* While these are two reputable organizations with significant ties to the Western Conference, the Board also recognizes that there are many other great organizations and opportunities out there as well and encourages churches to partner with ministries/organizations that align with God's leading and their heart and ministry focus.

Discussion was had on the current state of Evangelical Church Missions, and Allen Solheim made known information from a denominational level regarding how the mission fields (Bolivia, Brazil, and New Mexico) are doing. He also reminded the board that ECM's biggest obstacle currently is in the funding of the home office and leadership. The Denomination will shortly be putting out a challenge to all churches in the denomination to consider giving 1% of their annual budget to ECM's operations.

Discussion was had on the budgeted item of "Scholarship to Arrowhead Bible College". This line has not been used for that intended purpose for several years. Also Arrowhead Bible College has not been functioning for the 2011-2012 school year. The board will be in contact with Arrowhead leadership regarding the future plans for Arrowhead and what missions looks like in the context of their educational plan.

Current moneys will be kept in the budget for 2012.

2012 BUDGET

National Travel to USA	\$ 2500
Worry Free Deputation	\$ 1000
Miscellaneous Stuff (postage, etc.)	\$ 50
Rep. to Denominational Missions Board	\$ 500
Scholarships to Arrowhead Bible College	\$ 2000
Conference Missionary Support	<u>\$ 3500</u>
<i>Total Budget</i>	<i>\$ 9550</i>

Recommended adjustments to 2012 Budget:

- (1) Delete "Miscellaneous Stuff" line item and its budgeted \$50.
- (2) Scrap plan for bringing a national missionary to the US (not feasible at this time). That \$2500 will be reallocated as follows: \$ 1000 for travel and expenses for personal assessment of conference churches current needs and missions involvement \$1500 for assisting pastors interested in the pastor's vision trip to Philippines with MOM
- (3) Conference Missionary Support be lowered to \$2500. The remaining \$1000 be reallocated to: \$1000 educating conference churches on missions

Revised Budget for 2012

Assessment of Conference Churches	\$ 1000
Pastor Vision Trip	\$ 1500
Worry Free Deputation	\$ 1000
Rep. to Denominational Missions Board	\$ 500
Scholarships to Arrowhead Bible College	\$ 2000
Conference Missionary Support	\$ 2500
Education / Awareness / Resources	<u>\$ 1000</u>
<i>Total Budget</i>	<i>\$9500</i>

REQUESTED Budget for 2013

National Travel to USA	\$ 2500
Pastor Vision Trip	\$ 1500
Worry Free Deputation	\$ 1000
Rep. to Denominational Missions Board	\$ 500
Scholarships to Arrowhead Bible College	\$ 2000
Conference Missionary Support	\$ 2500
Education / Awareness / Resources	<u>\$ 2000</u>
<i>Total Budget</i>	<i>\$12000</i>

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Hansen (Director)