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Director

World Outreach CommitteeReport to the 40th General Assembly





Kevin Cauley *Chairman*

Summary of Work, 2019-2020:

- 1. We measured and evaluated progress of WO programs and provided the resulting information to an Assessment Team appointed by the National Leadership Team.
- 2. We appointed and dismissed missionaries, as well as cared for missionaries in distress.
- 3. We updated WO financial policies.

Recommendations to the 2020 General Assembly:

- 1. **Recommendation 40-19:** That the Outreach Foundation be approved as an Approved Agency (details to follow).
- 2. **Recommendation 40-20:** That Pak7 be approved as an Approved Agency (details to follow).
- 3. **Recommendation 40-21:** That Frontier Fellowship be approved as an Approved Agency (details to follow).
- 4. **Recommendation 40-22:** That Avant Ministries be approved as a Co-op Mission Agency (details to follow).

Work of the Committee in 2019-2020:

Resourcing the Evaluation Team appointed by the National Leadership Team was a significant focus of the committee's work last year. In addition, the committee gave careful attention to personnel matters and updated a number of financial policies. In response to requests from the WO Assessment Team, WO gathered and analyzed data regarding progress in each of our main ministry areas. WO committee members, staff, and missionaries also served as member on, or resource to, the Assessment Team.

Financial policies in the WO Manual (Vehicle, Housing, Excess Support, Administration Fee) were revised to bring them up to today's standards.

In October, the committee made the decision to accelerate processing for two outstanding candidates with narrow timeframes, rather than waiting for our normal, week-long candidate assessment in April. In hindsight, the committee's decision was validated when the pandemic forced postponement of the April ENGAGE event. Both missionaries have already completed all requirements and are launched into ministry.

The committee devoted considerable attention to several missionary families facing difficult personal and ministry challenges. In addition, the committee regretfully accepted resignations from the Livingstones (move to volunteer), Furrs (new ministry), and Fergusons (return to the U.S.), and gratefully thanked them for their service.

On behalf of our churches, presbyteries, and all GA commissioners, the World Outreach Committee would like to give thanks to God for the WO office team in Orlando, and our 130 adult global workers sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in hard places.

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Recommendation 40-19

After reviewing its history, statement of faith, mission statement, and financial audit, the WOC recommends that The Outreach Foundation be approved as an Approved Mission Agency. Attachment A.

Recommendation 40-20

After reviewing its history, statement of faith, mission statement, and financial audit, the WOC recommends that Pak7 be approved as an Approved Mission Agency. <u>Attachment B.</u>

Recommendation 40-21

After reviewing its history, statement of faith, mission statement, and financial audit, the WOC recommends that Frontier Fellowship be approved as an Approved Mission Agency. Attachment C.

Recommendation 40-22

After reviewing its history, statement of faith, mission statement and financial audit, the WOC recommends that Avant Ministries be approved as a Co-op Mission Agency. Attachment D.

Committee Members:

TE Kevin Cauley (Chairman), Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic
TE Brad Buescher, Presbytery of the Great Plains
TE Rick Dietzman, Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest
RE Phyllis Ellsworth, Presbytery of the Midwest
RE Susan Lear, Presbytery of the Great Plains
RE Johnny Long, Presbytery of the West
RE David Miller, Presbytery of the Rivers and Lakes
RE David Van Valkenburg, Presbytery of the West
TE Phil Linton, Director of World Outreach (ex officio)
Jason Dunn, Associate Director of World Outreach (ex officio)

Committee Meeting Dates:

October 17-18—Orlando, Florida January 9-10—Orlando, Florida April 23-24—Video Conference

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Cauley Chairman Phil Linton

Director of World Outreach

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