



Missions Committee Minutes

July 7, 2025

Those present: Karen Campbell, chair; Larry Fleming; Gisela Goetz; Betsy Mellon; Laura Paxton; Peter Raymond; Larry Smith and Jan Corbett, secretary.

Missed were: Bob and Ellie Smith, Tracey Jackson and Dan Kulp.

- Meeting opened in prayer.
- Special Guest: Michael Little, Executive Director of Camp Crestfield and one volunteer from the camp, Bruce Stock. EMPC has sent our youth to serve the camp as part of summer missions for several years and Mike and his family have been members of East Main. In 2016 Camp Crestfield separated from PCUSA and has become more independent, but is needing more supporters. Currently they offer overnight camps as well as day camps and host many retreats throughout the year. The day camp attracts more community campers who are unchurched. A daily Bible study is offered to all campers.
- Minutes of June 2 meeting were approved as read after a motion by Betsy Mellon and second by Laura Paxton.
- Missionary Partner Focus
 - July/August: Yasir Makki with Sudanese refugee ministry in Egypt.
 - Late August/September: Fayek and Nancy Khalil. ? Fayek preaching September 21 or 28.
- Unforeseen balance: \$4204 + future: \$1260 August and \$1260 December.
- Old Business
 - Harvest Bridge matching campaign runs through August 10. EMPC has already contributed.
 - Yasir is coming August 3 and VBS children's offering will be contributed to his school for Sudanese refugees.
- New Business:
 - Funkas are planning an October visit to East Main.
 - Yasir's school has 71 enrolled as of July.
 - Camp Crestfield gift: After discussion a motion was offered by Larry Smith that we donate \$1500 to Camp Crestfield. After a second by Pete Raymond, the motion was amended to \$2000 by Betsy Mellon. The motion carried.
- Distributions approval: A motion was offered by Laura Paxton that the regular monthly distributions of \$7864 be disbursed for each of July and August. With a second by Larry Smith, the motion carried.
- Comments from Committee:
 - Peter Raymond reported: local prison does not have sufficient corrections officers.
 - Gatherings with missionaries will feature pizza, but other food items are welcome. August 2 there will be a gathering with Yasir at Campbells' home.
 - At EMPC July 4 block party, 400 hot dogs were served!
 - Karen plans to ask Session for our preCovid budget to be restored.
- Please pray for Mark and Nancy Smith (Mark has prostate cancer). They will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on September 23 at the Castle in Franklin, 3-4 p.m. visiting, followed by dinner and renewal of vows.
 - Pastor Tuang is visiting U.S. from Myanmar.
 - Yasir's visit is August 3.
 - Harvest Bridge matching campaign.
- Next meeting August 25, 2025 and tentatively again October 6, 2025.
- Meeting closed in prayer by members of the committee.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Corbett, secretary.