

Minutes of the April 14, 2005 Meeting of the
Pacific Mission Action Council

Present:

Chuck Brophy (CEF), Rev. Stewart Crown, Gloria Edwards (Chair), Jean Gonzales, Rev. Ed. Krueger (Mission Counselor), Rev. Paul Labrenz, Bette Manning, Bill Northend, Rev. Vern Olson, Carol Petronzio (LWML), Rev. David Reese, Rev. Michael Schmid, Rev. Joe Schruhl (Board of Directors), Rev. Enrique Vallejo, Rev. Ted Zimmerman

Excused: A. J. Foote, Tom Lee Absent: Dan Sievert

Chair Gloria Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Rev. Ed Krueger presented the opening devotion.

Introductions and reports by MAC members followed. MAC members reported on mission activity in their respective circuits. In some instances questions and discussion followed the report.

Rev. Ed Krueger gave a review of purposes of the Mission Action Council and President Newton's expectations. Rev. Ed encouraged those who were not at the March MAC training to read MAC Member Manual as section one includes, "Our Work Together" by Pres. Bob.

Rev. Ed shared that in the first year, PacMac (Pacific Mission Action Council) mission opportunities will most likely come from existing missions. Lay people are important in developing our mission view. Mission education is important. There was a suggestion that members of PacMac attend Mission Society meetings to become informed on what is happening. A question asked by Pres. Bob at March training was discussed. "If there was no money from District would MAC have a reason to exist?" The consensus was yes: to bring mission opportunities to congregations; see what most don't see and help others to see it; share what works and how to make it happen, etc.

Rev. Ed's role to PacMac is as teacher and educator, he is to hold us accountable, help us to focus on some mission opportunities – not all at once; he is to work with congregation leadership to assist with how to get through the process; make available resources on the CNH-LCMS website: who, what, where (strategic planning), Linked 2 Lead, regional data, Vista 2000.

As representatives of MAC what is next: we are to pray; communicate with circuits; share a clear message (i.e. say same thing); have clear sense of resources; share the granting process (study, develop, provide forms).

Formation of task forces for visits to existing missions:

Rev. Olson & Jean Gonzales: Ethiopian and Asian Indian mission, Bethlehem, Berkeley; Bette Manning and Rev. Schmid, Liberian, Grace, Pittsburg; Bill Northend and Rev. Reese: Chinese, Prince of Peace, Fremont; Rev. Crown: Hispanic Ministry, First Immanuel, SJ; Rev. Vallejo, St. John, Napa; Rev. Zimmerman, PAMS Gloria Edwards, Anglo, Morgan Hill; Rev. Labrenz: Chaplaincies, Highland and Fairmont Hospitals.

Following visits, written reports are to be sent to Gloria Edwards and Rev. Ed Krueger by June 15th.

Gloria will write a letter to every Circuit/church inviting dialog and include introduction and MAC roster, M purpose, forms, deadlines. Ed will make this letter and forms available online.

Next meeting of PacMac is set for August 30, 10 AM at the District Offices in Livermore.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

In Christ's service,

Carol Petronzio

[Immediately following the meeting, Bill Northend agreed to lead a task force to brainstorm ideas of how to share President Newton's vision for mission with the church.]