

Southern MAC Meeting Minutes - March 23, 2007

The SoMAC met at the Ministry Center in Livermore, California on 23 and 24 March. This being the yearly plenary MAC, the agenda centered on C-N-H district concerns.

President Bob Newton presented the concept of "A New Day" which stresses the importance of the priesthood of all believers and the need for all members to be involved in mission. His presentation has been posted on the C-N-H District web site under the Missions tab/MAC tools and is commended to all for use as a tool for informing brothers and sisters in the district.

In break-out sessions, the SoMAC discussed the significance of this "New Day" as far as future mission funding is concerned: Finding needs and addressing them; changing the culture within individual congregations to a mission culture; how movement best occurs and who enables it; how we empower and assist others to do mission; how to pool resources; how to make our fellowship sufficiently large to include "porous" non-Christians before they become Christians; how to use connections we have in the communities to leverage them outside the congregations.

Members brainstormed aspects of education we might employ:

- a. Bulletin/Newsletter inputs
- b. Circuit Forums
- c. Mission Societies
- d. Expansion of Learning Communities (Triads)

Following the official close of the conference, we also discussed the situation regarding Peter Sok. Rev. Mike Lange, Rev. Rice, and Rev. Jonathan Lange met the evening of 23 March to discuss where they were in the process of bringing closure of district support to the Cambodian mission. The MAC's intended follow-up with Peter had not gone forward as hoped. To rectify this situation, they agreed that Mike should double check with Pastor Pon and Pastor Kou Seying regarding on-going discussions of the role of Trinity, Stockton in the ministry and their progress toward forming a mission society to support it., Mike Lange is to meet with Peter Sok to reaffirm the June 30 cut-off for funding, of which Peter was advised in Rick Rice's January 2007 letter. He also needs to verify what Peter has done to prepare for the transition, if anything, and offer district resources such as Brian Hyde, CEF, or others who might be able to help. This must be accomplished by the end of April.

Jonathan Lange expressed concern about Rev. Kou Seying and his ministry, that the rug not be pulled out from under his feet in the same manner. There appears to be a safety net of sorts through Ablaze! to support Rev Kou.

Because of the urgency of changes to the MAC, members felt a need to meet as soon as possible. The SoMAC will meet on May 8, 2007 at Peace Lutheran Church in Arroyo Grande at 1:00 p.m. The agenda:

- a. Describe criteria for grant requests.
- b. What are we doing to foster the 'New Day?'
- c. Follow-up on Peter Sok
- d. Letter to grant recipients, with the report form.