

Minutes of the April 7, 2006 Meeting of the

***Pacific Mission Action Council***

Present: Rev. Stewart Crown, Gloria Edwards (Chair), Jean Gonzales, John Whaley (Mission Counselor), Bill Northend, Rev. David Reese, Rev. Michael Schmid, Rev. Enrique Vallejo, Rev. Ted Zimmerman. Rev. Ed. Krueger (Mission Counselor), Carol Petronzio, Tom Lee, Rev. Joe Schruhl,

Chair Gloria Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Rev. Stewart Crown presented the opening devotion. The minutes from the August 30, 2005 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

President Newton spoke about our district's focus on creating "Faith Community Groups". Faith communities are communities that intentionally work at including or bringing in non-Christians into the group. They may or may not evolve into missions or churches. However the creation of them is way to fulfill our mission to connect people to the Gospel. If we are organized deliberately and we are ready to connect them we may help these groups evolve into an organization (either a church or mission) – but that is not a specific objective. Key to leadership of these groups is not (expensive) staffing and clergy but the creation of lay leaders with leadership skills that operate under the authority and direction of ordained clergy.

Bill Northend led a discussion on how to structure the MAC to be more effective. We considered breaking the MAC into different sub groups to focus on individual tasks.

The MAC discussed how we thought we had accomplished the objectives the MAC was designed to accomplish. Specifically:

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Perceived Accomplishment</u>
1. Initiate and generate mission opportunities	Not Done Well
2. Encourage existing missions	Fairly well done. We encourage by funding a mission and particularly by visiting them.
3. Celebrate Mission successes	Not well done as a MAC – but maybe locally
4. Communicate mission activity with circuits and congregations	Not well done. We may as individuals but not as effectively as we could be
5. Cast Vision	Not well done. We do not see this as our role
6. Funding missions	Well done.
7. Evaluate mission progress	Well done.
8. Organize the annual MAC conference	Well done – this was easy. The MAC did not have responsibility to do this but to just attend

On what key areas does the MAC need to concentrate?

- Communication was a key concern. We need to develop a plan to better do this.
- Additionally we need to generate mission opportunities

Ideas that came out of discussion on how might we better accomplish our objectives as a MAC:

- Use the CEF model having a lay mission representative to champion mission and be a go to person in each congregation.
- Have the MAC concentrate less on Support and funding and focus more on communicating.

- Organize the MACs with a (staff) Mission Resource Specialist(s) to do the “nuts and bolts” activity of mission starts as complement to the administrative and new opportunity development of the MC role.
- Organize the MAC on a business model (Sales, production, R&D, etc.)
- Hire a district grant writer

The chief obstacles to accomplishing our objectives:

- Is this (MAC structure?) working?
- We are still trying to figure out what we are doing.

Three activities the MAC will pursue:

Communication Plan	Stuart Crown, Tom Lee
Mission Fair	David Reese, Ted Zimmerman, Jean Gonzales
Seek new grant applications	Gloria Edwards

Our next meetings: June 30 10:00 AM at the Ministry Center [new member orientation]  
 September 1 10:00 AM at the Ministry Center [review grant proposals]

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Northend