

GLOBAL AND COMMUNITY MISSION BOARD - MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2009 7:00p.m.

Members present: Tom Engstrom, Tom Sanger, Beth Backstrom, Betty Sanger.

Tom Engstrom opened the meeting with prayer.

Bob Isdahl presented a project update of the Tanzanian – Central Diocese – **Solar Well Project**. Bishop Eliuphoo Sima of the Central Diocese, which is our synod partner, has visited our community and is familiar to many people. Bob told of a conversation with him during one of his visits when Bishop Sima expressed a desire for his community to have a solar powered well. The mission project was begun several months ago and there has been pledged monetary support of approximately \$3000. The council has approved the continuation of the project during the month of May and the Global and Community Mission Board will support and carry through towards the goal of raising additional funds which will be sent to Bishop Sima for the intended purpose.

Other items of business:

1. Information on the February mission. Pastor Tim Iverson, Director of Global Health Ministries preached at both services and presented a forum on Feb. 15, 2009. A stipend of \$100.00 was presented to him. A thank you note with an accompanying check from Bethlehem contributors for \$1,613.00 has been sent; to be used as needed by the organization. In-kind contributions of supplies for the mid-wife kits were received and those kits (450) will be delivered to the warehouse in Fridley, MN along with a large box of rolled bandages and twenty hospice kits.
2. March mission – Echo Food Shelf. Ed Babel did an excellent job of informing us about Echo and their work in the community. A temple talk and forum were presented by him on March 1st. Tom Engstrom will ask that Sunday announcements be made as reminders of the importance of our contributions which during the month of March are matched through other funds.
3. April mission focus – Lutheran World Relief –**April 5th** temple talk by Tom and Betty concerning two LWR projects, quilts and school kits. The school kits will be displayed and people who wish to purchase the needed items to fill the kits may take a school bag from the narthex display or purchase one. We will ask that they sign their name when taking a bag and return the completed bag by May 1st. **April 19th** Temple talk and Forum presentation by Tom Engstrom. Fair Trade coffee displayed and served that day. **April 26th** Kathy Bolin from the S.E. Synod office will give a temple talk and forum as a preview of the May mission which will tie together our two May projects, “Educating the Educators” which provides scholarship funds for two students which we have been supporting, and “The Solar Well Project”..
4. Bread for the World legislative letter writing Sunday has been planned for June. Melissa Matthies will be asked to help with this project.
5. Future plans include creating interest in forming a work crew to work with Habitat for Humanity.
6. Note: Tom and Betty Sanger and Bronson Myers terms are up in 2009.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The next scheduled meeting is **April 7, 2009 at 7:00p.m unless otherwise notified.**