

Greetings,

This is my first report to you as moderator of the Mission Committee. We met twice since the last presbytery meeting and it is safe to say that without George's guidance we would already have descended into chaos. Our meetings were of the teleconference variety and up to now are long on dialogue and short on action. Fear not, however, because we did gain incite into future direction for presbytery mission.

In my past experience as a member of this committee, our task was to evaluate requests for funds for mission and judge those which were worthy for how much. This we will continue to do. We also thought that in the interests of better mission we could expand in some new ways and directions.

Mission can be performed on three levels. One is at the local level of each church's community. Another is within presbytery and the last is beyond the borders of the first two. We are going to be focusing on the first two by not only funding specific projects, but by encouraging our member churches to exchange ideas and find areas of cooperation for more effective mission. Part of our mission is to improve the connectedness of our member churches through better communication and relationship between churches and presbytery and between churches.

Though, we are separated by many miles within this presbytery, modern technology can reduce that distance and create a better feeling of family. The churches in this presbytery can know each other better and thus be in better service to the Lord.

We are asking each church to select a point person for mission and in a way not totally determined yet, serve with us to the ends of the Great Commission. This person should be able to write a narrative, have access to a computer and be able to communicate with our website. This all depends on the technical skills we have available to us and the hope and prayer that it all comes together in the future.

We are also considering using a small enclosed trailer that would travel from church to church collecting items for phase 2 of the Zimbabwe Project. Stay tuned!

It is my hope that we will be innovative in our approach to mission. Consequently, contributions of ideas from anywhere of any nature are of interest. We need to think 'outside the box' as they say. Perhaps, in the spirit of encouragement, we need to think of the box as the one where the kitty litter is kept so, 'think outside the box'.

Moderator Ken Siroky