

**Board for International Mission
January 30 and 31, 2020
St. Louis, MO**

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LCMS International Center**

Board Members Present: Kristine Bruss, John Edson, Terence Lung, Rev. Carl Rockrohr, Rev. Roberto Rojas, Rev. David Stechholz, Allan Voss, and James Wolf.

Staff Members Present: Barbara Below, Rev. Dan McMiller, Deaconess Pam Nielsen, Rev. Kevin Robson and Jeannie Smithson.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the vice chairman, John Edson, at 8:05 a.m. and was opened with a devotion by Pastor Rojas.

Adoption of Minutes: The minutes of the September 12 and 13, 2019, regular meeting were approved.

Chief Mission Officer Report: Kevin Robson reviewed his written report highlighting a number of issues. The Church Worker Initiative is moving ahead with a goal to dramatically increase enrollment at the seminaries and CUS church worker programs. Professional literature suggests a general contraction in charitable giving due to changes in tax law and a generational shift in giving patterns. Synod, congregations and RSOs will likely feel the effect in the upcoming years. Next year's budget will require some difficult decisions.

Unit Executive's Report: Dan McMiller noted a number of items from his written report including a report on his trip to South America. He is now handling missionary recruitment due to a vacancy in the missionary recruitment position. Eric Skorgaard has accepted the call to serve as Director of Global Missionary Safety and Security and will assist with seminary engagement. OIM will need to do more with less next year. Dan is looking at how to use committees to tap the resources of seasoned church workers.

Chapel: The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. for choral matins in the International Center Chapel celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week.

Calls/Appointments: Christian Boehlke joined the meeting, and the board entered into executive session to discuss missionary calls.

President's Report: The board came out of executive session and was joined by president Matthew Harrison who reported on recent events including his visits to sister churches in Europe and the Philippines.

Calls/Appointments (continued): The board then returned to executive session to discuss missionary calls. After returning from executive session, the board issued the following calls:

Career Missionaries:

Ms. Rachel Meyer	Called	Africa
Ms. Barbara Rebentisch	Called	Asia
Mrs. Sandra Rhein	Called	Asia

GEO Missionaries:

Ms. Kelly Haynes	Appointed	Eurasia
Mrs. Jordan Logston	Appointed	Latin America
Mr. James Justin Logston	Appointed	Latin America
Ms. Rachel Krause	Appointed	Latin America

International Educator:

Mr. Doug Grove	Called	Concordia International School Shanghai
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It was then reported that the following calls were accepted:

International Educators:

Mrs. Danielle Mizel	Call	Concordia International School Shanghai
Mrs. Jennifer Rizzo	Call	Concordia International School Shanghai

The Board also approved the following peaceful release:

Mr. Roy Atkins	Called	Africa
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Global Director Report: Following lunch, Rev. Ted Krey, Area Director for Latin America, joined the meeting by Zoom and reported on our work in Latin America. We currently are working in 13 countries with 9 partner churches, 41 missionaries and 12 alliance missionaries.

Ends Policies: The board then discussed how to align the board's ends policies with the seven mission priorities approved at the last Synod convention. Kristine Bruss and Pastor Stechholz presented a preliminary report of the work of the joint committee with the Board for National Mission and distributed a preliminary draft of the written report being developed by the committee to discuss the seven mission priorities. The board then reviewed the existing ends policies and make preliminary suggestions as to how to shape them around the seven mission priorities. The committee appointed at the previous meeting was then charged with preparing a revised draft of the ends policies using that information.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. and was closed with Evening Prayer led by Pastor Rojas.

**Board for International Mission
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Hilton St. Louis Airport Hotel**

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Staff Members Present: Barbara Below, Rev. Dan McMiller, Rev. Kevin Robson and Jeannie Smithson.

Opening Devotion: The meeting was called to order by the vice chairman, John Edson, at 8:05 a.m. and was opened with Daily Prayer for Morning led by Pastor Rojas.

Resolution 4-04A BIM/BNM Subcommittee Update: Board members commented on and offered suggested changes to the preliminary written report prepared by the joint committee with the Board for National Mission. Kristine Bruss and Pastor Stechholz will present the comments and suggestions at the next meeting of the joint committee.

International Schools: Dr. Mary Scott, Head of School of Concordia International School Shanghai, then joined the meeting by telephone to report on the state of the school noting a record enrollment, a strong leadership team and a planned major building project.

The board then entered into executive session for a discussion regarding the International Schools. After returning from executive session the board issued a call to Mr. Steve Winkelman to serve as Head of School of Concordia International School Shanghai following Dr. Scott's planned departure at the end of the current school year.

After further discussion, the board adopted the following resolution:

Resolved that the Board for International Mission recommend to the Synod Board of Directors that the Synod not bring forth to the Board for International Mission any proposal for the development of additional international schools until the International School Advisory position in St. Louis is fully funded, in place and working for more than one year.

Self-Governance Policies: Pastor Rockrohr and Pastor Rojas were appointed to an ad hoc committee to review the board's self-governance policies and submit any recommended changes at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 and was closed with the Litany led by Pastor Rojas.

K. Allan Voss
Secretary