

Dear World Mission Corporation Members,

We will soon gather on the Concordia College campus in Moorhead, MN, for the AFLC's Annual Conference from June 10-13, 2026. "Sure Hope!" Who doesn't need that? The apostle Paul said, "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ," Phil 1:6. That is the theme verse of our upcoming Annual Conference next month. That certainly is what we desire for the teaming of millions of people around the world. The key is the spread of the gospel.

As members of the AFLC World Missions Corporation, it is our joy and blessing to support the efforts of our WM's Board, our missionaries, and staff to fulfill the mandate of Jesus to take the Gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth. Without a doubt, our firm confidence from the Word of God is that a *Sure Hope* is for all who would find saving faith in Jesus.

As you prepare to attend the conference, please do your due diligence by taking time to read the minutes of the Board and the newsletters from our missionaries. Our Corporation Meeting will be held on Friday, June 12, at 12:45 pm. All corporations will meet from that time until our business is concluded. However, my plan is to keep things moving at the meeting so we can cover all our necessary business and have time to hear in person from some of our AFLC missionaries. Wonderful things have been happening in AFLC World Missions, including some possible new fields which you will hear about! To God be the glory!

Like last year, and to optimize our corporation's time, we will use quick and secure voting technology from our smartphone, tablet, or iPad. If you do not have one of these devices, you will still be able to vote by paper ballot. If you haven't already, please load the **Poll Everywhere** app on your preferred Wi-Fi-enabled device prior to the corporation meeting next month. If you need help, come by the WM conference booth ahead of time and someone can assist you with the installation and/or familiarization. The app link for Apple products is located at: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/poll-everywhere/id893375312>

The app link for all other products is located at:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.polleverywhere.mobile&hl=en_US&pli=1

Please download the app ahead of time and bring your smartphone or device with you to the WM corporation meeting. As always, we want to be judicious with the Lord's time.

When each of us allowed our names to be placed in nomination, we agreed to uphold WM work in prayer and support. An essential part of that support is attending our online World Mission information meetings and the Annual Corporation Meeting. I understand the latter requires a commitment of travel and time. Hopefully, you will make every effort necessary to be present, as our Bylaws do not permit proxy voting, and we need a quorum of 26.



This year, you will hear reports and updates from the Corporation President and Treasurer, as well as from the Chairman of the WM Board of Directors.

Each year we also hold elections. The office of President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the corporation will be up this year. We will also vote on ten new corporation members and half of the board members whose term expire. Please pray about these important offices and your willingness to serve.

At this year's meeting, we will finalize our discussion of women serving on the WM Board. This is a significant matter that should not be taken lightly. I strongly urge you to prayerfully read the 'White Paper on the Role of Women,' as well as the paper 'Who Should Serve on the Board?' Each of these papers addresses countering views regarding a proposed amendment to the By-Laws. A copy of both is available on the World Mission Corporation website under the Annual Meeting tab. This year will be our third year of discussion on the topic, and we will also vote on the amendment. A two-thirds majority is needed to change the By-Laws.

There will also be a proposed amendment to the By-Laws that will allow the Board of Directors to choose their own chairman, who will be separate from the Corporation Vice Chairman. So please read the amendment in advance so you can ask questions about it. Per the By-Laws, no vote can be taken on this amendment until next year.

The Corporation will be voting on a proposal to establish a designated fund that can receive matching gifts and which will be used specifically for the seminary tuition of international student who plan to return as pastors in their home country. We will also be voting on some changes to the Board of Director's Manual that have to do with procedures for opening a new mission field.

Thank you for your love of Christ and your desire to share the news of the abundant life offered in Jesus with all people.

Yours For Souls,

Pr. Ray E. Ballmann
Mission Corporation President

P.S. For those who plan to attend the corporation meeting only and would like lunch at Concordia but are NOT registering for the full conference, please use the following payment link for the noon meal: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/WU9U6KZGMWWT8> Lunch begins at 11:45 AM in Anderson Commons before our meeting. However, corporation members who are registering for the conference may include Friday lunch in their registration through this link: <https://www.aflc.org/2026-annual-conference-registration/>

- This is link to the Annual Meeting page: <https://www.aflcworldmissions.org/aflc-members/annual-meeting/>
- This is link to Missionary Newsletters: <https://www.aflcworldmissions.org/missionaries/>

*“By the grace of God, to make disciples of all nations
through teaching and evangelism.”*