

# World Mission Board of Directors Meeting

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The World Missions Board of Directors met on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 8:00 AM CST in the World Missions office at AFLC headquarters. Those present were Craig Johnson, Paul Handsaker, Wanda Jacobson, David Johnson, Earl Korhonen, Ken Sletten, Kent Sperry, Lyle Mattson and Bill Sheldon.

### Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Pastor Craig Johnson called meeting to order.

### *Devotions by Paul Handsaker*

– 2 Timothy 3:14-17 – “All Scripture is inspired by God...” All of God’s Word is there for a reason...and important for any and all situations. We also need to be accurate in our teaching and instruction. Empty chatter needs to be replaced with the solid foundation of God’s Word, both here and abroad. Paul shared about the impact of Michael R as he shared recently.

### Approval of Agenda

Discussion of need for representation on the Development Board. This would differ from the Foundation. To be added to the Agenda under Administration.

Also added to Agenda will be the discussion of Andrew Olson’s use of proper interaction with our AFLC Missionaries.

Pastor Earl Korhonen informed the Board that he would be leaving the meeting from 1 pm to 1:30 pm to meet with the WMF Board.

***202224. Approval of Agenda made by Paul Handsaker and seconded by Ken Sletten.***

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes reviewed, edited, corrected

***202225. Motion to accept June 15 minutes by Bill Sheldon, seconded by Kent Sperry – Passed***

***202226. Motion to accept August 30 minutes Paul Handsaker and seconded by Bill Sheldon – Passed***

### Director’s Report

Pastor Earl Korhonen shared his report, observations, and activities. Missionaries Home and Planned Furloughs shared by Pastor Earl Korhonen.

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## Administration

### ***Board of Director Orientation***

- New Board of Directors Manual presented by Wanda and briefly reviewed
- Special attention given to Roles and Responsibilities - Code of Ethics
- Emphasis given for the Board to review and absorb privately
- Signatures required by Board members on Code of Ethics Document – will be kept on file for the tenure of each Board member.

### ***Reserve Operating Funds***

Discussion developed on the formation of a reserve of funds to cover expenses should an unforeseen event arise (i.e. drop in donations, Covid, etc.) It was shared that this should differ from Missionary emergency funds (undesignated missionary support). The discussion progressed on the need to keep operational and missionary needs distinguished from one another. No decision made – postponed until December.

### ***Personal Support Update***

Donations are down some, but official numbers for September are yet to be completed. Summer is normally down some, and fall numbers often bump up. There are bright spots (i.e. Jonni Sliver). Michael Rokenbrodts' personal support is doing okay and is sufficient, as he plans for a return to Uganda. Others are struggling, but hopefully upcoming deputations for some will help to inform AFLC membership as to the needs.

### ***Office Procedures Manual***

Discussion progressed about some particulars of the Procedures Manual. Dialogue continued about expectations for missionaries, staff, and support personnel contained in the Manual.

The Board addressed Brent Raan's concern, *"I am concerned that requiring either AFLBC or AFLTS that we are moving into scholastics and further away from lay leadership...."* The Board felt that it was important to continue as in the past, and as is practiced by other AFLC corporations, including the value placed on education by and in the life and identity of the AFLC. Pastor Craig Johnson and Pastor David Johnson offered to communicate this to Brent Raan.

The board continues to see the Ambassador Institute as foundational to the development of international educational material.

The World Mission Board will continue to make available the individual financial reports to missionaries quarterly or upon request. Pastor Earl Korhonen will communicate to the Missionaries that they ask for an update on their Personal Support levels anytime.

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### ***Director of Development***

The Coordinating Committee requests the addition of a representative from World Mission to a steering committee involving the Development Department. The desire is to add representation in the oversight of the ministry of Development as it grows. This representative would participate in the hiring of an assistant (who may eventually become the new Director), and possibly an ongoing oversight commitment.

Pastor David Johnson will be the World Mission Board representative to the Coordinating Committee for the director of Development assistant and possible oversight.

### ***Andrew and Alexis Olson***

The Board discussed Andrew Olson interaction with our AFLC Missionaries. With gratitude, we thank Andrew for their concern and assistance in the support of our various mission endeavors. We thank him for his aid in a variety of endeavors.

### ***Casey McLoughlin Missionary Application***

Casey McLoughlin's missionary application is on hold pending the completion of her next six-month term as a missionary assistant with Journey Missions serving with Jonni Sliver in Brazil.

## **Special Projects:**

### ***Requested projects for 2023***

<b>Brazil</b>	<b>Requested</b>
AILLB (AFLC of Brazil)	
National Leadership Conference .....	\$3,000.00
DRELL Printing & Video Projects .....	\$3,000.00
<del>*DRELL Discipleship Fund .....</del>	<del>\$3,600.00</del>
<i>*(pending more information from Pastor John Lee)</i>	
Vitoria church Elevator (legal requirement) .....	\$15,000.00
SETELL (Seminary/Bible School)	
Ministry van .....	\$20,000.00
<del>*Missionary Home Roof .....</del>	<del>\$10,000.00</del>
<i>*(Already approved and funded)</i>	
Miriam Home	
Follow Them Home .....	\$3,000.00
Emergency Medical Fund .....	\$1,000.00
School Supplies & Uniforms .....	\$1,000.00
ARCA (Bible Camp)	
Van Auto Body Work .....	\$5,000.00

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### Ongoing Projects (As received)

ARCA Ministry .....	(as received)
ARCA Social Projects .....	(as received)
ARCA Bible Camp Scholarships .....	(as received)
Seminary Student Scholarships.....	(as received)
Student Work Fund .....	(as received)

### Paraguay

Emergency food baskets .....	\$1,200.00
Church lending library .....	\$3,000.00

### Mexico

Principios Church Building Project.....	\$24,000.00
Christmas Gift Boxes (100 @ \$5 per box) .....	\$500.00
Help Me Hear God's Voice-Bibles .....	\$500.00
Kid's Club (books, Christmas gifts, etc.) .....	(as received)
Compassion Projects .....	(as received)

### India

India Relief and Food .....	\$3,000.00
Pastor's Houses (\$9,500 each- ½ Grant) .....	\$4,750.00
Karmachudu Village Church .....	\$22,000.00

### Uganda

Ambassador Institute Teacher Workshops .....	\$1,100.00
Ambassador Institute Mico Loan – Teachers.....	\$2,000.00
Ambassador Institute Council of Elders	
In Country Travel and Office Project.....	\$2,600.00
Ambassador Institute Fund Generating Fish Farm .....	\$5,000.00
Ambassador Institute Acholi Translation.....	\$660.00
Misc. Gifts (outreach; compassion, individuals) .....	(as received)
<del>Ambassador institute International Outreach .....</del>	<del>\$4,000.00</del>

**202227. Request was made to support an educational outreach to Malawi and Ethiopia. The material would utilize the Ambassador Institute material, but be led by the Council of Elders, Dr. Kevin Olson and Michael Rokenbrodt. The funding would be used to “fund members of Ambassador Institute in Uganda to travel to other countries to establish new Bible training ministries.” At this time AFLC World Missions has not received approval for countries outside of current works. Paul moved – Kent seconded: Passed**

### Journey Missions

MA Scholarship Fund for Missionary Assistants .....	5,000.00
Mission Trip Scholarship Fund .....	5,000.00

### World Missions

AFLC Pastors International teaching/training.....	4,000.00
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**202228. Motion made by Lyle Mattson and seconded by Paul Handsaker to approve the special projects list: Passed**

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### Uganda

The Board discussed and denied Brent's request.

*I do have another contact in South Sudan and he is looking at possibly going up in January. It would be very interesting to join him with a member of the Board of Elders here in Uganda on the trip to start praying and meeting people up there and to see what people think of the material of Ambassador Institute.*

**202229. Mission outreach to South Sudan – The Board affirmed the Biblical challenge to continue reaching the lost for Christ, however, they encouraged Brent to stay the course in the Gulu region, raising up Disciples from within an established AFLC church to reach the lost in South Sudan. Kent moved – and Lyle seconded; passed**

### Journey Missions

Jon Nelson met with the World Mission Board and gave his report on past, present and future activities.

#### **2022 Trips**

Nogales – 2/17-21/22

Oxaca, Mexico – FLBC Spring Break 2022

Uganda – 6/22 – 7/13/22

Gulu

Jinja

#### **Upcoming:**

Israel – 11/1-10/22

1<sup>st</sup> since 2019

Team planning a trip in 2023

Brazil – 2/9-27/23

Mexico – 3/20-27/23

Brazil – 6/11-30/23

Israel – Oct/Nov 23

#### **Work with FLBC**

Student Mission Fellowship (SMF) – 6 students – Operation Christmas Child, ETS Conference, Good in the Hood, Feed my Starving Children

2023 Cross Cultural Ministries Class – Third year teaching, possible expansion of the current mission track, directed study, hopefully culminating in a mission trip.



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### ***Seminary Update***

Jon Nelson has done a better job at balancing the load of LB seminary and AFLTS seminary classes. He discussed the need to do better at load balancing and time organization.

### ***Home Missions Alaska***

A brief discussion arose about the needs and possible involvement of Journey Missions and the Alaska Home Mission outreach. There are great needs and opportunities, but time and resources will need to be evaluated.

### ***Missionary Assistants***

The vaccine mandates have delayed missionary assistants from going back to the field, but those have been lifted now. Plans are moving forward on Casey McLoughlin. A former student, Rose Zeltinger, is also seeking to come alongside the ministry. Roger and Lois Van Someren traveled in 2018, and are planning on traveling soon. Zach and Katy Kupser have been with Home Missions and are interested in short-term opportunities. Nacho and Katelyn Davalos have shown interest, and Nacho has begun working at Hope Lutheran. Both have a heart for missions and specifically, Puerto Rico.

The World Mission board has agreed to consider the possible costs of the Jon Nelson family for one trip per year (and 3 children), as funds are available. This was applied to the Brazil Journey Missions trip 2023.

***202230. Moved by Lyle Mattson and seconded by Bill Sheldon: Passed***

### **Michael Rokenbrodt**

Michael will be assisting IOI (International Orality Institute) as an independent missionary by traveling to Ethiopia over Thanksgiving. The Board visited with Michael, and reviewed his seminary experiences. He shared about his current classwork and drama endeavors (Greenbush, etc). Doing some deputations and presentations – reviewed his coming schedule. Michael explained the intent and purpose of the Malawi outreach, discussing some of the challenges of Malawi ministry. Michael also brought clarity to the inner working of ministry in the culture and government of Uganda. He shared that there are seven current churches recognized by the Uganda government...Ambassador Institute is an approved organization to give credentials for pastor.

Michael asked about the status of the two projects submitted for Board consideration. Kent Sperry shared in prayer for Michael and the ministry in Uganda.

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## Andrew Olson

Andrew met with the Board and shared the current status of the ministry, They Need The Bible. Andrew shared two pages of background information: Board of Directors, and Quarter 3 – Quarterly report. Dr. Kevin Olson has assisted in the development of the ministry as treasurer, but this is temporary as the Board grows. They have a particular heart for the unreached peoples of Laos, Japan, Pakistan, and Uganda. He explained that their passion spans denominational lines, and is broader than simple Lutheran groups. They understand the unique challenges of translation, and have looked to FOBAI (Forum of Biblical Agencies International) for covering and resource. They have been grateful for the opportunities to coordinate with other ministries via tech resources, etc.

## Brazil

### Furlough Approval

**Paul and Becky Abel**

6 month furlough (July 2023 – January 2024)

**202231. Ken Sletten motioned and Kent Sperry seconded: Passed**

**Jonathan and Tamba Abel**

2 month furlough (May 2023 – July 2023)

**202232. Bill Sheldon motioned and Ken Sletten seconded: Passed**

## Mexico

Todd and Barb Schierkolk plan to return to Mexico on Oct 8. Security has stabilized.

## Mongolia

Pastor Puje of the Mongolian Evangelical Lutheran Church requested instruction assistance and English language camps. SON (Spiritual Orphan Network) is no longer interested in teaming with the ministry options in Mongolia. Opportunities remain for AFLC pastors or teachers. May be a good relationship to cultivate in the future. Teaching opportunities were listed in Pastor Earl's report and Earl will have more details for the December meeting.

## Next Meeting

Next Meeting scheduled for Friday December 2, 2022 starting 8 am central time at the World Missions office – AFLC Headquarters.

## Approve Expenses

**202233. Motion made by Lyle Mattson and seconded by Kent Sperry to approve expenses: Passed**

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### Adjournment

**202234. Motion made to adjourn by Paul Handsaker: Passed**

Respectfully Submitted,

Pr. David Johnson  
Secretary