

# MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY COUNCIL REPORT

## **FY2023**

The globe is a huge place with many ethnic histories and geographical features. It is amazing to realize that our missions program tries to aid in so many ways and in a variety of cultures and nations. Our aid to world missions is only limited by the support which you provide. We try to maximize the effect of donor assistance. There are three ways that missions are funded through MOMC. 1. Contributions to the Shared Ministry Fund support missions on a monthly basis. 2. Missions are also supported through the One Great Hour of Sharing appeals that go to help in disaster situations at home and across the globe. 3. Individual and church support of missions goes through the NACCC to support a specific mission listed among our accredited missions.

This year has been a tragic time for many who have lost homes and loved ones. They've seen the destruction left following tornadoes, hurricanes, and war. \$147,617 was sent to assist in locations near and far. The OGHS appeals have been numerous and heart wrenching. MOMC thanks you for responding to a variety of needs!

This spring we are breaking the mold and venturing out in a new way. Over 200 years ago missionaries were sent to the Cherokee people in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia. We might judge the missionary activity of that time but missionaries loved the Cherokee tribes and fought to maintain their homeland. Our venture this year is to learn about the Cherokee people and their culture. We live in a time when we fail to appreciate wonderful cultural distinctions.

Two of our missionaries will be featured at the AMC in Milwaukee gathering. Katie Dejournette will come from Hosanna Industries (Pennsylvania) and Rev. Dr. Harding Stricker from A.C.C.C. (Argentina). A missionary with a stethoscope in one hand the gospel in the other. Other missionaries will be with us but these two are the featured missionaries for this Annual Meeting and Conference.

It is quite exciting to see and hear of the ministry that takes place through Sea Farer's Friends in Massachusetts or to Visit Morgan-Scott and see the many ways they reach out to those living day to day. A trip to ECHO in Florida is a reminder that people throughout the world are still seeking daily sustenance. Haiti is still a dangerous place to live and impossible for American visitors but we are still able to send help! Cameroon is still teaching and loving kids. Christ to the Villages continues to spread the light of Christ to the world around and others among our missions teach, share, and live out the Gospel. We are truly blessed with the opportunity to reach beyond ourselves.

As the current chair of the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council I appreciate the many gifted people who serve with me. We come from far places: Alaska to Florida and points in-between. We vary in ethnicity and experience, and some don't talk like me – yeah! By this, I mean to say we have a mission which is bigger than each one of us. Our realization is that we can never be effective unless Christ is leading us into unknown territory. Continue to join us in this effort.

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MOMC Chair 2023