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TNC Meeting Minutes

Jan 29, 2018 - CUMC - Room B113

I. General

- A. President E. Mungagwe attended the Davos financial meetings in Switzerland and gave numerous interviews where he stated that the presidential 5 year term is complete in July and elections will be held by that date. He emphasized that elections will be "free and fair", open to international monitors, and that all citizens including those living outside Zimbabwe will be able to vote. He expects the actual election date to be announced after meetings of Feb 19

- B. Roy Bennet was killed in a helicopter crash in New Mexico on Jan 18. He was the treasurer of the MDC and at one time scheduled to be the Zimbabwe Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

- C. Mr Isaiah Mudiwa, headmaster of Nyadire High School, passed away on Jan 24 due to diabetes and other complications. Services were held in Harare, Nyadire, and Old Mutare where he was buried at his rural home. His son arrived for the services coming from the Ukraine where he is studying.

- D. Charity Horiro's mother passed away in January after a long battle with lung cancer.

II. Fund Development (Debbie Little)

- A. A TNC presentation to the staff of CUMC is scheduled for Feb 6.

- B. Crowdfunding - Jessi Mazzone is leading a team (anyone welcome, now including Debbie Little, Ralph Duckworth, Tim Wesley, Stephen Tsou) to define 2 crowd funding programs, one to support a specific project and the other for an ongoing TNC program. The first campaign will raise funds for completion of the HOH administrator house, which requires approximately \$20,000. As the goal is reached, the plan is for TNC members to work together on some type of service day. Jeanna-Mar Simmons provided one option of working with "Healthy Village" -<https://hvliweb.org/> . Other options might be sorting donations at either BBF or Global Links.

1. Stephen Tsou attended a crowd funding workshop on Jan 22 sponsored by "Ioby". Ioby states that 85% of the organizations they work with meet their funding goals.

C. Eyeglass Clinic Fundraising - Don Ziegler is working to raise funds needed to conduct eyeglass clinics. The expense of one clinic is \$500 and the hope is to conduct perhaps 12 clinics in a year, requiring an annual budget of \$6000.

1. Don and a team of Elsa Zollars, Bonnie Lawson, Debbie Little, and (?) will develop a fundraising plan with an initial target of \$6000. Initial ideas are to find sponsors for a clinic, to contact vision businesses (perhaps your optometrist could sponsor a clinic?), and to include vision as the focus of TNC's Lenten Calendar program.
2. We need to expand the collection of eyeglasses for Mission Vision. Several are bringing glasses to TNC meetings and others are requested to do the same. Collection boxes could be placed in more vision businesses and other locations. Glasses and contributions could be collected at the UMW Assembly in Columbus, Ohio which F. Geer will attend. Don will connect with Diane Welty to include eyeglass collection at the Wester Pa annual conference where TNC will have a table.

III. Health - (Mark LaRosa)

A. Container Shipments - (Drew Harvey & Rev L. Mukundu)

1. The container which left BBF in Pittsburgh on Sept 22 arrived in Zimbabwe in late December and cleared customs with no issues or additional expense. It was delivered to Old Mutare Hospital and Nyadire has collected all of their items - 11 pallets with 236 boxes containing medical items, eyeglasses, pastoral supplies, hospital maintenance supplies, baby blankets/caps, sewing machines, empowerment pad kits, backpacks, educational supplies, textbooks, 3 PET carts, and 10 cots. Distribution of the items at Nyadire is now in progress.
2. The rebuild of Munyarair, one of 5 clinics administered by Old Mutare Hospital, has begun and we are working with Dave Talbot to identify the furnishings required. BBF expects to assemble an ocean container shipment that will include many of these items.
3. BBF shipped 150 containers to Texas, Florida, or Puerto Rico in response to the 3 hurricanes these areas experienced. Effective Jan 1, 2018, Phillip Jones replaced Charles Stout as board chair of BBF.

B. Eye Glasses - (Don Ziegler & Dr Larry Tanyanyiwa)

1. 18 boxes of eyeglasses recently received by container and are now being organized to replenish the inventory available to the eyeglass clinics.
2. Don Ziegler returned on 1/1/18 from a successful eyeglasses mission in Malawi in which he conducted 11 one-day eyeglasses clinics in different villages and served 596 patients. On-going clinics are being conducted twice a month with the team Don trained.
3. We are embarking on 3 one-week clinics in Dendera, Nyahuku and Nyadire with the 6 Assistants that have been trained and certified by Mission Vision. The first clinic started on 29 January at Dendera where they served 70 people on the first day. TNC sent \$1600 to fund expenses for these 3 clinics. Don expects to attend clinics held at new locations, but thereafter ongoing clinics can be conducted independently by the Zimbabwe team.
4. Don & Judy Ziegler are participating in a medical mission trip to Honduras from 10-17 February with 75 other doctors, nurses and some spouses. An individual that conducts similar eyeglasses clinics on a grander scale (10x as many glasses per year), is attending and he is going to teach Don some of his methods.
5. Mission Vision has published a new brochure that highlights the work of Faith Geer and Don Ziegler.
6. Charlie Moore provided information on an alternate program for vision testing and providing eyeglasses. Kevin White of "Global Vision 2020" has developed a simple testing program and a lens set that allows new glasses to be immediately provided at around \$4 each. Charlie has purchased 2 "USee" kits and will evaluate them at Munyarari Clinic in March. Don Ziegler is reviewing with Mission Vision.

C. Girl Empowerment Pad Program - (Bonnie Lawson & Charity Horiro)

1. Pittsburgh Based Activities:

- a) Supplies to produce 325 Hygiene Kits are being gathered. Berlin Packaging (Patty Siegert) was able to secure the plastic bottles/lids at

cost. A work session will be held on April 12th at a MLUMC UMW meeting.

- b) MLUMC Network Class will sponsor a work session (cutting flannel for inserts) in February of 2018. Materials have been purchased by the Network Class. A work session to assemble GEP kits will be held on May 10th at a MLUMC UMW meeting.
- c) Seven sewing machines are awaiting conversion. Parts for conversion to hand cranks have been received. Manual machines will be the focus this year.
- d) Reprinting "Growing Up in School". Seeking permission to reprint the booklet from the author and Water Research Council (South Africa). Estimates from four print vendors have been received. Sandy Waters is assisting with this project. Our fundraising to cover the printing costs has been successful.
- e) Reviewed the TNC website and provided updated material to Noel Slater.
- f) Sent an update email to GEP supporters with Pittsburgh Post-Gazette article (Drew Harvey), program updates and upcoming dates.

2. Nyadire Update:

- a) Crescencia and Charity report that the boxes have arrived from the container shipment and are awaiting distribution.

3. Upcoming Events:

- a) MLUMC Network Class Workshop: Feb TBD
- b) March Southside Group Work session: March TBD
- c) March Workshop USC Girls United Globally USC HS: TBD
- d) April 12th 11:00 to 1:00 MLUMC UMW work session: Hygiene Kits
- e) May 10th: 11:00 to 1:00 MLUMC UMW work session: GEP kits
- f) May 18 to 20: UMW General Assembly: Gathering TBD

g) Sept 9th Sewing Party MLUMC 3 to 6 pm

D. Medical Supplies - (Irina Sheyko & Wilson Nhamoinesu)

1. TNC transferred \$3000 directly to company PCD for purchase of drugs for one quarter. We await a response from Wilson as to which 4 dates of the year funds should be transferred. Wilson is to send consumption reports to Irina each month.

E. Rural Health Clinic Rebuilds - (Ralph Duckworth & Rev Austern Chepiri/Hannah Mafunda)

1. Dendera -

- a) The new Dendera Clinic was officially dedicated on 1/13/18 with many people in attendance. Bishop Nhiwatiwa presided over the celebration and many pictures were provided. TNC sent a statement that was read during the dedication

2. Rebuild of Next Clinics

- a) The Baltimore Washington Conference, through the Chabadza Healing Hands Across Zimbabwe Mission Team, sent the first wire transfer of \$50,000 for the rebuild of Munyarari Clinic. Although this clinic is affiliated with the Old Mutare Mission and not Nyadire, we are assisting this effort based on our experience with rebuilding rural clinics. Munyarari construction will be administered by Rev Austern Chepiri, but will utilize the engineer for that conference rather than Livingstone Garikayi.
- b) We continue to work with GBGM on the possibility of additional clinic funding so that the rebuild of Dindi Clinic can proceed. GBGM and the Zimbabwe Health Board must coordinate the funding grant process and we are not sure of the current status. C. Moore will be in Atlanta, and will speak with Dr Ige of GBGM and he will also review

with Hannah M. and the Zim UMC Health Board during his March trip to Zimbabwe

- c) TNC has approximately \$22,000 available and designated for clinic rebuild. If funds for Dindi continue to be delayed, we may consider using these funds to begin with some small portion of Dindi.

F. Medical & Hospital Support - (Sue Bower & Dr Larry Tanyanyiwa)

1. Donald Ronald Nyabereka has been accepted at the University of Zimbabwe and is working toward a Masters in Public Health. The program is from Jan 2018 - Dec 2019 and Dr Nyabereka expects to return to Nyadire at completion of the program. Nyadire hopes to have a replacement during his absence, but no one has yet been identified.
2. \$500 sent to Nyadire to fund medical expenses for the student Blessing to diagnose what treatment is possible to repair her knee. The father of Stephen Tsou, one of the CMU EWB students is an orthopedic surgeon and may help with treatment or consulting. Don Ziegler is also investigating the possibility that SHRINERS may help if Blessing needs to travel to the USA for treatment. Dr Ronald will be consulting with the specialist Ortho Surgeon Dr Bowers in Harare. He will also consult with Blessing's extended family and the responsible Nyadire High School staff for authority.

IV. Education (Molly Michaels)

A. O Level Text Books / Exams - (Sandy Mcknight & E. Chiimba)

1. 250 Commerce textbooks were purchased in Nov and distributed to the HOHO schools.
2. Each school will define their own specific program for the students to complete service work which is planned for completion early in 2018.

3. Future teams will meet with the program headmasters and discuss the impact of providing these O-Level Textbooks. We would like to understand if there is any improved pass rate of exams at the schools where textbooks have been provided.

B. Engineers Without Borders/CMU - (Drew Harvey & Rev L. Mukundu)

1. All work has been completed and all payments made to Sinet for the Nyadire Solar Street Lighting Program. The system continues to work very well. At least one year (perhaps Aug 2018) after the project was completed, a student team will make a final visit to Nyadire to review system operation and sustainability.
2. The "Alternative Analysis" of the current project to replace firewood as a cooking fuel is near completion and Bio-Gas was selected as the optimum fuel. A bio-gas cooking system will now be designed for a pilot project at the Nyadire Primary School. Fund Raising will also now begin.
3. Violet Mutasa met with the EWB students on Nov 29 and reviewed plans for the current project relative to cooking options. Her insights were very helpful and she also provided the team with a good description of life and the general environment at Nyadire.
4. The student team has recently returned from winter break and held the first meeting of the semester. Meetings will be each Friday from 5:30 - 6:30. Cathy Fang replaces Caroline Morin on the student leadership team which also includes Christina Ou and Evan Schinedwolf.
5. Travel plans are not finalized, but expectation is that an EWB team will travel to Nyadire in late August. The trip would monitor the performance of the Solar Light System, and also review progress of the Cooking Project.
6. EWB continues to work with Avonworth Primary School in Pittsburgh in support of their connection program to schools in the region of Nyadire.

As part of the program, the Avonworth & Zimbabwe students are exchanging letters. The Avonworth letters will be sent to Charlie Moore by 1 March and he will carry them to Zimbabwe. Hopefully TNC will have teams later in the year that can bring letters back from Zimbabwe for the Avonworth students.

C. Grove City College Partnership (Mark LaRosa/Dr Markley & Rev L Mukundu)

1. The GCC trip with 9 students and 2 faculty initially planned for January was cancelled due to political uncertainty. The student team instead travelled to Houston and helped with Hurricane Recovery. Both Mark and Tony LaRosa are interested in travel to Nyadire, possibly in 2019.
2. Two GCC professors, Dr Andrew Markley and Dr Lisa Hosack are planning a trip to Nyadire with the following objectives:
 - a) Making more progress on defining exactly what role business and engineering students could play at Nyadire.
 - b) For Dr. Lisa Hosack, introducing her to the Mission and seeing what opportunities she would see for students majoring in social work (and other related areas).
3. We are communicating with Micah Mooney, a GCC student, regarding his possible Red Box trip to Nyadire this summer for 6-10 weeks. Micah has a musical and language interest and background and is interested in volunteering in the schools as well as participating in a class at Africa University. Molly Michael will coordinate with Micah to develop a Nyadire plan, but the primary responsibility and liability for the trip will be with "Red Box".
4. No update on the "Solar Powered Sewing Machine" being developed for Nyadire by Dr. Mike Bright's Electrical Engineering class.

D. Scholarships (Molly Michael)

1. Working on skeleton of the program and hope to have another meeting for review in February. The process to develop a plan is moving slower than hoped
2. Ideas to generate income - Sponsors, churches, youth groups, GCC & CMU involvement, Lenten Calendar 2018 Idea, fundraiser
3. Aside from "leaders" we would welcome a committee to assist with the development and productivity of this program. This would consist of being a part of our team via email, phone, in person, or however - when possible. It would not be a mandatory role to commit to, rather an active and contributing voice. This would give us a broad team to assist with networking, finances, fundraising, application process, etc...

E. Hearing Impaired (Molly Michael & Tendayi Mushapaidze)

1. SolarEar
 - a) Tendekayi from Deaftronics carried the solar chargers to his brother in Harare. Tendayi has arranged for pick up.
 - b) Libby, another connection through Howard Weinstein (SolarEar) will be carrying our solar hearing aids to Zimbabwe this May. Nine children will receive hearing aids.
2. Sponsorships
 - a) 2017 Sponsorship funds were sent at the end of December 2017 in the amount of \$3,270.
 - b) Finland expects to send \$720 (6 months of sponsorship) which we will include with TNC's funding transfers to Nyadire.
 - c) Sponsors: 14 (lost a sponsor during renewals)
3. Givings/Donations
 - a) Christ United Methodist Church included the Hearing Impaired program in their Alternative Giving Mart this year and collected

\$1,125.00. The Hearing Impaired Program is grateful for the continued support of CUMC

- b) BCUMC Outreach gave \$230 towards a HI Teacher Evaluation Trip
 - (1) Teacher and Headmaster trip to evaluate well-functioning HI Programs at Emerald Hill and Henry Murray (maybe King George). The team would provide a written report, determine possible ways to sustain and grow the Nyadire HI Program, network and gain insight from colleagues and identify various vocational/trade program possibilities.
- c) Plans for a BCUMC HI Lenten 2018 Calendar as well as a spring backpack drive are active. Backpacks to be sent in next container
- d) Boarding kits will be sent next, possibly send mini boarding kits with the next traveling team

4. Connections

- a) Marcia and Duane Heidenreich had a big role with Nyadire's HI Unit in 1999-2005. We were finally able to connect and share and they both now sponsor a HI as well as a HOHO student

F. Miscellaneous

1. Hippo Water Rollers - Two units arrived at ZACH in Harare in November. As of 1/29/2018, the clearing agent advised they are available and Dr Larry will arrange for pickup from ZACH. One roller is planned for the Waiting Mothers and one by a rural clinic.
2. Don Ziegler and Stephen Tsou (CMU) are evaluating the idea of training Zimbabweans in basic "machine learning" or other computer skills that might eventually place them with organizations that contract these skills to western firms. "Andela" a technology contracting firm in Nigeria might be a possible resource. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/10/business/andela-start-up-coding-africa.html> The objective is to create jobs.

V. Relationships - (Pat Cook)

A. VIM Trips - (Molly Michael & Rev L. Mukundu)

1. Dependent largely on airfare & time of year, the typical VIM trip total cost is \$2800 - \$3000. This does not include the optional excursion.
2. Plans have begun for all 2018/2019 trips:
 - a) Although people now need firm dates, we don't expect to finalize trip plans until election dates are known. We will always remain flexible on travel dependent on the situation in the country.
 - b) Molly Michael plans to lead a team mid July - early August
 - c) About 20 new members are eager to join a team in 2018 and 2019. Interest includes Education, health (dental and medical), farm, eye-glasses
 - d) Trainings will begin in February for all interested members. New members must attend (or send a representative) during the training dates offered. These dates are not flexible.
 - e) The informational meeting is informal, just a time for general questions, to share photos (powerpoint), and to discuss previous team projects/TNC. This is a come and go conversational session to see if joining a team is for you. With that said, having TNC members attend is great! That way we could have many representatives sharing their stories, outlooks, memories, and more!
 - f) Training sequence:
 - (1) Informational
 - (2) Cultural*
 - (3) Project Planning*
 - (4) Packing *
 - (a) *Mandatory - In addition (ticket purchasing, project sub-committee planning, and paperwork)
3. Dutilh UMC is hoping to send a VIM team to Nyadire this year.

B. Christmas Connection - (Pat Cook & Rev L Mukundu)

1. 500 cards were delivered to Nyadire in August and were distributed at the mission-wide Christmas Party on Dec 15. Each card included 2 packets of vegetable seeds (but no funds as was done in previous years). A statement from TNC was read at the event.
2. TNC provided \$2100 for the purchase of refreshments and supplies for the Christmas Party. The party included all Nyadire employees and their spouses/partners.
3. Pat Cook sent out Christmas Cards locally to TNC supporters.

C. ROTARY Program (Phil Himmler & Rev L Mukundu)

1. TNC and Rotary continue to wait on direction from the Zimbabwe UMC before work can begin on preparation of the International Global Grant to develop agricultural land at the new HOH site. Church leadership has affirmed they are very positive on the proposal and hope to go forward. The church is currently meeting with two boards, CONFAD and BOT, to clarify any legal issues with the proposal.
2. A grant request to the local USC/BP Rotary is being prepared for funds that will be used to pay fees for O-Level Exams. Deadline for application submittal is Feb 2. Rotary distributes the funds from their annual chicken BBQ dinner at an annual "Night of Giving" which is held in the spring. TNC sold more tickets (770) to the dinner than any other organization.

D. Pastor Partnership - (Faith Geer & Rev Forbes Matonga)

1. No update. Meetings or discussions with Nyadire program leader Rev Forbes Matonga are needed before the program is relaunched.

VI. Sustainability - (Denny Hunt)

A. Seeds of Hope - (Jim Howell & E. Arichara)

1. Seeds already collected are being distributed, but the program is now canceled.
2. Seven boxes of vegetable seeds were mailed on Oct 27 to the mission's post office box in Mutoko. There are about 10,000 small garden packets, 50 larger packets, several one pound bags, and a couple of five pound bags of seeds. No confirmation yet as to receipt.
3. TNC is offering the remaining seeds at all events, craft sales, etc. This has been well received.

B. Farm (D. Harvey & E. Arichara)

1. Waiting on definition of the HOH agricultural program.

C. Micro-Loans (D. Hunt & Rev Mukundu)

1. Rev Mukundu continues the work to secure all past loan repayment before considering any new loans. Letters of final demand were delivered to all those owing and they all have committed themselves to pay back through set payment plans.

VII. Orphans - (MB Zollars)

A. Overall:

1. The HOH/HOHO Mission Minute video has been made available by Sean Lewis (CUMC). Marie and Elsa are distributing it to the sponsor coordinators and the target churches.

B. HOHO (Marie Hunt & E. Chiimba)

1. St. Paul's has completed renewals and new sponsorships (~ 90)
2. Outreach wire transfers for Term 1 have been sent.
3. Marie plans to have another push for sponsors at CUMC in March. She has set up sponsorship renewals and Mission Minute dates with CUMC.

4. MB is ready to submit the Rotary Grant application for O-Level Exam Fees.

C. HOH (Debbie Soles & E. Chiimba)

1. Wire transfers for Jan/Feb have been sent.
2. No updates on funds from UMCOR for repair of storm damages. Was an application submitted?
3. Catarina (Finland) reported that there will be no more funds from the Finish government to complete the second duplex at this time. There was an across the board cut in funds.
4. Tsungi has done well on her A-Level exams!!!! She is now looking for a place at the university.
5. Lovemore did OK on his A-Level exams. He is now looking at options for further study.
6. Godknows is now attending Tamburira vocational school.
7. No news on the LuLaRoe fundraiser.
8. HOH Rummage Sale - Will be held on Friday, May 4 (pre sale 4 - 7 pm) and Saturday May 5, (9am - 2 pm) 2018 at Christ United Methodist Church, Bethel Park. Volunteers needed in all shapes, sizes and ages to help with set up, sale and end of sale packing. Set-up will begin on Wednesday, May 2, at 7:00 - 9:00 pm, and will continue on Thursday and Friday until pre-sale begins at 4:00pm. Flyers and sign up schedules will be distributed in the coming months. Please let Diane White (412) 257-1969 diane.white257@gmail.com or Kim Koser (724) 941-5109 kimskoser@gmail.com know if you can help.

D. Sister Rut's children

1. Kuda Lindgren began his job at a hospital in Binga. He is considered head of his department due to his excellent credentials.
2. Febbie is in her second semester at Midland State's University studying local government.
3. Knowledge has finished at Chinhoyi University of Technology, completing her accounting degree. She is now taking some courses to prepare for

her ACCA certification. TNC sponsors and Finland are co-sponsoring her for this effort.

4. Catherine had a temporary teaching position last term and is waiting for a permanent teaching post to open.

VIII. Promotions - Communications (Tim Wesley)

- A. Website - Coordinating with Noel Slater, who will continue to make changes we request
 1. Tim will contact Program leaders to ask for revisions to copy and photos for their program page; Noel will make updates to the site
 2. Stephen Tsou volunteered to update the Nyadire Directory that is posted on the website, but will need help on names, positions, etc. The initial task is to remove directory photos of individuals who are no longer at Nyadire. Stephen hopes to travel to Nyadire this summer and can obtain additional photos at that time. Sue Bowers also has quite a few people photos available.
- B. Submitted Drew Harvey op-ed story that was published by the Post-Gazette in December
- C. Wrote article about the three McPherson sisters trip to Nyadire July 2018. Sent to Bethel Park INCommunity Magazine
- D. Sent "mission minute" video (McPherson girls talk about Zimbabwe in a pitch for HOH sponsorships) for churches to use
- E. Will work with Marie Hunt, head of Home of Hope Outreach Program, on a drive for more sponsors in March
- F. Writing story on Don Ziegler's eyeglass program for TNC newsletter
- G. Provided information on Dendera clinic dedication to Mt. Lebanon UM for church newsletter
- H. Elsa Z is preparing the next TNC newsletter - please send her ideas and stories!

IX. Finance - (Richard Dickey)

- A. As of 12/31/2017 restricted funds were \$69,960 and unrestricted funds were \$15,404. Preliminary (not yet reconciled) results for 1/25/2018 show restricted at \$54,174 and unrestricted at \$15,117.
- B. \$4000 received from Chartiers Valley Youth Organization that will be split between HOH/HOHO, and the HI programs. <http://www.cvsd.net/News/2205#sthash.SDw9cnjY.dpbs>
- C. \$3250 received from the Mt Lebanon UMC Outreach Committee to be used as Unrestricted Funds
- D. The Finland UMC plans to send approximately \$720 for the Hearing Impaired program which TNC will include with our sponsorship funds and sent to Nyadire.
- E. St Pauls UMC is sending \$3700 earned from the Creative Hand Ministry as unrestricted funds to TNC. They are also sending \$8250 for the HOHO program for specific sponsored children
- F. \$6000 transferred on 12/19 to be used for repair of damages from the Oct wind & hailstorm. \$5000 was previously provided bringing the total for storm repair to \$11,000.
- G. \$3000 transferred on Dec 29 for purchase of pharmaceuticals from company PCD. \$3270 also transferred on Dec 29 for use by the Hearing Impaired Program
- H. \$7713 transferred on Jan 17 for the Jan and Feb HOH budget funds. \$550 also transferred on Jan 17 for medical testing of the student "Blessing"
- I. \$13,000 transferred on Jan 18 for payment of first term school fees for the HOHO program.

- J. \$1600 transferred on 1/25 to Nyadire Hospital to cover expenses for 3 Eyeglass Clinics to be conducted in Jan and Feb

X. TNC Organization / Miscellaneous - (Drew Harvey)

- A. TNC sent \$11,000 to Nyadire to assist with repairs of buildings damaged by the Sept wind/hail storm. Repairs were to be completed in time for school to open in January.
- B. Dutilh UMC will hold TNC Sundays on April 15, 22, and 29. Speakers will be identified and tables set up for presentations and displays. A gift tree will be organized.
- C. Western Pa UMC Annual Conference is June 7,8,9. TNC, coordinated by Diane Welty, will again host a craft sale/informational table. As our craft supply is very low, people are asked to donate any personal crafts that might be resold. Elsa Z. is also coordinating making possible "Zimbabwe Type" crafts that could be sold. Don Z. will coordinate with Diane and will ask attendees to bring eyeglasses for donation.
- D. Rev Wellington Chiomadzi is a Zimbabwean attending Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and would like to spend the summer as an intern connecting with TNC and the Western PA Conference.
- E. The Zimbabwe Partnership will not send teams or individuals to Zimbabwe in 2018. Zim Camp and Lay Academy will be in 2019 and the Immersion Program will be in 2020.
- F. The next Zimbabwe partnership meeting is not yet scheduled.
- G. Moses Alikali is looking for a partner to a Zimbabwe organization called "Mustard Seed" that works with Zimbabwe orphans.
- H. Charlie Moore will be in Zimbabwe (Africa U. & Hanwa) from Mar 20 - 29.

XI. Recent and Upcoming Events

- Nov 18 - Mission Mall at St Paul's UMC; 9:00am until noon.
- Nov 27 - TNC Meeting
- late Dec - Ocean container arrives at Old Mutare. Nyadire collects items.
- Dec 6 - CUMC "Journey to Bethlehem"; TNC craft sales
- Dec 9 - Craft Fair & Cookie Sale - MLUMC UMW
- Dec 15 - Nyadire Mission Wide Christmas Party - cards distributed
- Dec 16 - 30; Don Ziegler travel to Malawi to conduct Eyeglass Clinics
- Jan 26 - First EWB meeting of new semester
- Jan 28 - Crowd Funding planning meeting at Dutilh UMC
- Jan 29 thru Feb - Eyeglass Clinics held at Dendera, Nyahuku, and Nyadire
- Jan 29 - TNC Meeting; 6:30pm; CUMC, room B113
- Feb - Work begins to rebuild Munyarari Clinic (administered by Old Mutare)
- Feb - MLUMC Network Class GEP workshop
- Mar - Southside group GEP workshop
- Mar - USC high school Girls United Globally GEP workshop
- Mar 20 - 29; Charlie Moore trip Zimbabwe
- Apr 12 - MLUMC UMW GEP worksession for Hygiene Kits (11am to 1pm)
- Apr 15 - TNC Sunday at Dutilh UMC
- Apr 22 - TNC Sunday at Dutilh UMC
- Apr 29 - TNC Sunday at Dutilh UMC
- May 2 - Set up for HOH Rummage Sale at CUMC
- May 4 & 5 - HOH Rummage Sale at CUMC
- May 10 - MLUMC UMW GEP work session for GEP kits (11am to 1pm)
- May 18 - 20: UMW General Assembly Meetings
- June 7,8,9 - TNC table at Western Pa UMC annual conference
- July or early Aug - probable VIM trip led by Molly Michael
- Aug 2018 - Probable EWB monitoring trip of Solar Light Installation
- Sept 9 - GEP Sewing Party, MLUMC (3pm to 6pm)

Next TNC Meeting - February 26

6:30 pm. Room B113 at CUMC

