

TNC Agenda - Nov 27, 2017

1. Prayer
2. General Zimbabwe Situation
3. Fund Development - Debbie Little
4. Health - Mark LaRosa
 - Container Shipments; Eyeglass Program; Empowerment Pads; Medical Supplies; Rural Health Clinics; Medical/Doctor Support
5. Education - Molly Michael
 - O-Level Textbooks/Exams; EWB; GCC; HI; Scholarships; General
6. Relationships - Pat Cook
 - VIM trips; Pastor Partnerships; Christmas Connection
7. Sustainability - Denny Hunt
 - Seeds of Hope; Micro-Loans; Farm
8. Orphans - MB Zollars
 - HOH; HOHO
9. Promotions - Communications- T. Wesley
10. Finance - Richard Dickey
11. TNC Organization / Misc - D Harvey

Next Meeting - Jan 29 (no Dec meeting)

TNC Meeting Minutes

Nov 27, 2017 - CUMC - Room B113

I. General

- A. After 37 years as Zimbabwe's president, Robert Mugabe has resigned. After his initial dismissal and exile, VP E. Mungagwe has returned and been installed as the new President. A transitional government is being put in place until elections are held sometime before Sept., 2018.

- B. TNC will be sending a total of \$11,000 to Nyadire to assist with repairs of buildings damaged by the Sept wind/hail storm. \$2500 was raised thru TNC's appeal, CUMC matched this with an additional \$2500, and St Paul's UMC contributed \$6000 as distribution from the Conaway-Munden Trust.

II. Fund Development (Debbie Little)

A. Network Churches Outreach:

1. A TNC presentation will be made to the CUMC staff, probably in January.
2. Feedback requested on the value of the "Friendraiser" event, and thoughts on what type of event should be planned for 2018.
3. Our "TNC Network" of 7 churches is an effective concept and we need to follow up with each church to encourage ownership, initiative, and ongoing engagement. Perhaps a "TNC Liaison" could be identified at each church to communicate TNC within their congregation and communicate church issues back to TNC? We of course would like to add more churches to the network. TNC programs could be offered at UMW meetings and other church organizations. Debbie Little and Tim Wesley will continue to work on how make this structure more effective.
4. Crowd Funding (sites like "Indie GoGo" & "Go Fund Me") have been the major fund raiser for Habitat for Humanity Pittsburgh's chapter. TNC also had good success in the past with a crowd funding appeal that raised \$40,000 for the rebuild of Nyahuku Clinic. Possibly TNC could choose a few programs (Hearing Impaired?, Storm Damage?, HOH Administrator House?, Blessing Medical Help?) and organize ongoing campaigns.

5. Don Ziegler would like to schedule presentations about the Eyeglass Program to all network churches.

III. Health - (Mark LaRosa)

A. Container Shipments - (Drew Harvey)

1. The container which departed BBF Pittsburgh on Sept 22 is sitting in Durban, SA with no scheduled arrival date on to Beira, Mozambique and Old Mutare. This container includes an autoclave as well as medical items for Old Mutare & Mutambara Hospitals. There are 11 pallets for Nyadire, with 236 boxes provided by TNC. Contents for Nyadire are 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. Nyadire will need to send a truck to collect their items at Old Mutare.
2. Karen Kincaid of Trinity UMC sent a box of Christian Education Materials and will be sending choir robes and Bibles for inclusion of the next container. Next container is not scheduled, but will be months away.
3. A previous Zimbabwe container included disability (PET) carts for the 3 United Methodist missions, and also for the King George VI Children's Center in Bulawayo. Scilla Wahrhaftig is the sister of the director of KGVII, lives in Pittsburgh, and provided a presentation to CUMC's seminar class on Sunday, Nov 19

B. Eye Glasses - (Don Ziegler)

1. 18 boxes of eyeglasses in the container that is currently in route.
2. Not scheduling a trip to Zimbabwe for December to conduct Eyeglasses Clinics in 2 Rural Clinics. Cancelled trip with Engineers Without Borders for January due to elections and political uncertainty.
3. Working with 6 Assistants in Zimbabwe to assemble a project plan and conduct follow-up clinics in Nyadire, Dendera and Nyahuku. Once plan is assembled, a budget will be prepared for the out of pocket costs. Plan will be reviewed with Dr Larry, Rev Mukundu and Hannah M for their approval. Expectation is to have these eyeglass clinics completed by early February if possible.

4. Working with Mission Vision to get the 6 Assistants fully certified to conduct Eyeglasses Clinics on their own.
5. First step for future Eyeglasses is to organize inventory currently in Nyadire warehouse of approximately 3,000 pair plus readers, sun glasses and cases that were sent on the last two containers.
6. Don Ziegler will travel with a group of 6 to Malawi from December 16-30, 2017 to conduct Eyeglasses Clinic at 2 rural clinics. Drew Harvey connected Don with Charles Stout and he has helped arrange participation.
7. Received \$200 to help Blessing get her diagnosis for her problem knee. Still seeking an additional \$300, plus cost for local fuel & transportation. Checking with Rev Forbes on contributions received locally. The father of Stephen Tsou, one of the CMU EWB students is an orthopedic surgeon and is providing feedback based on the recent x-rays that were taken. Denny Hunt spoke with an individual in SHRINERS who indicated that SHRINERS will bring individuals with mobility problems to the USA for surgery. Don Ziegler will follow up with this opportunity, as it could be perfect for Blessing.

C. Girl Empowerment Pad Program - (Bonnie Lawson)

Pittsburgh Based Activities:

1. Efforts are underway to produce GEP Hygiene and pad Kits.
2. MLUMC Network Class will sponsor a work session in January or February of 2018. Materials have been purchased by the Network Class
3. Several more sewing machines were donated. Currently 7 machines are awaiting conversion.

4. Elsa Zollars and Bonnie Lawson attended a PEO meeting on November 1, 2017 at Westminster Church. The presentation was well received and a generous donation to the "printing fund" was made.
5. Donations have been received for the printing the "Growing Up in School" booklet. Seeking estimates and recommendations for printers.
6. Meet with Barbara Gutzwiller of Health Care Communities Unlimited. <http://hcuuganda.org/>. Barbara learned of our efforts from the recent Post-Gazette article. Bonnie provided her with information on our GEP program, shared experiences, discussed other programs, and Barb expressed interest in our partnership with Brother Brother's. Both Barbara and her husband Les have been working in Uganda for many years in partnership with Christ Church of Grove Farm. Les is a board member of CEED Uganda Gold (Christian East-African and Equatorial Development Fund). The hcu group started in 2014. Barbara has held two sewing parties and has produced kits that will be hand carried to Uganda early next year.
7. Collected machine and fabric donations from several donors and arranged for donation of some of the baby items from the mission barn.
8. November 1, 2017 Presentation to PEO, Westminster church.

GEP Program Fundraiser:

1. Craft Fair and Cookie Sale: Dec 9th MLUMC UMW. 9 am to 2 pm.

B. Medical Supplies - (Irina Sheyko)

1. Article from Newsday stated that 98% of all drugs used in Zimbabwe are purchased with donor funds.

2. Wilson N. provided the drug consumption report on Nov 17 for the 3rd quarter, as well as for the month of October. The commonly used items have consistently been Antibiotics, Pethidine (US brand name Demerol, which is an IV narcotic pain medication), Gloves, and IV fluids. Funds for purchase of drugs were requested and TNC has initiated transfer of funds (\$3000) to company PCD.
3. Drugs for the 2nd quarter were collected on Oct 18 from company PCD and the invoice was provided (\$2970)
4. Wilson states they continue to have drug stock-outs, and that supplies are erratic. Drug prices have increased over 15% and continue to climb. Nyadire's financial situation is quite unstable and PCD also cannot reliably supply all medications.
5. Wilson is to provide consumption reports each month. Assuming receipt of these reports, TNC will then order drugs on specified dates four times during the year.

C. Rural Health Clinic Rebuilds - (Ralph Duckworth)

1. Dendera

- a) We await the specific date, but dedication of Dendera will be sometime in 2018

2. Rebuild of Next Clinics

- a) No clarification of requested funds from GBGM for ongoing construction of future clinics as Hannah Mafunda states she has not yet received the grant document.
- b) Conference call to review with Charlie Moore and others scheduled Nov 29. Dave Talbot did receive a response to his many questions about rebuild plans for Munyarari Clinic.

D. Medical & Hospital Support - Sue Bower and Dr Larry Tanyanyiwa

1. No update

IV. Education (Molly Michaels)

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

1. BCUMC donated \$3600 for book purchase. Book prices have recently increased from \$10 to \$13 meaning that E. Chiimba and the headmasters were only able to purchase 250 rather than 300 textbooks. Books (Commerce) were purchased in early Nov.
2. Chiimba met with representatives of all schools receiving books and agreed that a program for the required service work will be conducted early in 2018. Each school will define their own specific program for the students to complete service work in recognition for purchase of the textbooks.
3. Considering this latest purchase, 1150 books have been provided at a cost of \$20,600; Distribution is to 5 schools.
4. Future teams will meet with program headmasters and discuss the impact of providing these O-Level textbooks. We would like to understand if there is an improved pass rate of exams at the schools where textbooks have been provided. In general, rural schools do much worse on exams than urban schools or those schools that have stronger financial support.

B. Engineers Without Borders/CMU - (Drew Harvey)

1. The January trip by EWB students to complete the final Solar Lighting inspection was canceled due to the country's uncertain political situation. Nyadire confirms the lights are performing well and EWB will therefore now pay the final 10% of system cost. Sinet has invoiced EWB for all payments which will close out this project.

2. Rev Mukundu has advised that a budget line item is established for the accumulating Solar Light Battery Replacement Fund and that \$100/month (rather than \$85/month as first agreed) will be collected. After a "sub-account" with Standard Charter is established, regular reports will be provided.
3. EWB students presented the Solar Light Project to Avonworth Middle School on Nov 3. Sessions were held for both morning and afternoon classes. Avonworth will continue the letter exchange with Nyadire schools, but is evaluating delivery options as TNC does not yet have teams scheduled for travel in 2018.
4. EWB held it's annual gala on Nov 5 at the Parador Inn on Pittsburgh's North Side. The Zimbabwe Solar Light project as well as 3 other EWB programs were presented. The event is a fund raiser, but also an opportunity to to meet faculty, mentors, supporters, etc.
5. The approximate 20 active students with EWB are now separated into teams working on Alternative Analysis for options to replace firewood as a fuel source to cook departmental meals. Team results will be presented at the weekly meeting of Nov 29.
6. Violet Mutasa will attend the EWB meeting of Nov 29 where she will discuss the current situation in Zimbabwe as well as review initial plans for elimination of firewood as a cooking fuel.

C. Grove City College Partnership (Tony/Mark LaRosa & Dr Markley)

1. The GCC trip was planned for January and included 9 students and 2 faculty members. However due to the country's political uncertainty, this trip has been cancelled. Dr Markley is looking for alternate service opportunities.

2. No update on the "Solar Powered Sewing Machine" being developed for Nyadire by Dr. Mike Bright's Electrical Engineering class.

D. Scholarships (?)

1. Elsa, MBZ and M. Michael met Nov 16 to start preliminary organization of the Tertiary Scholarship Program. With insight from many TNC members we have established:
 - a) Eligible Candidate Groups (HOH, HI, HOHO)
 - b) Mission Statement
 - c) Objectives
2. Ideas to generate income
 - a) Sponsors, churches, youth groups, GCC & CMU involvement, Lenten Calendar 2018 Idea, fundraiser
3. Application
 - a) To be eligible for a scholarship, students must apply and meet a set criteria
 - b) We have not yet created an application, ideas are welcome
4. What will make this program unique?
 - a) Sustainability of TNC (following through with our support)
 - b) Present and highlight the story of each scholarship student:
 - (1) What are their goals? (long term and short term)
 - (2) How are they an active and contributing part of society?
 - (3) What obstacles have they overcome?
 - (4) What does TNC mean to them?
 - (5) What are they most grateful for?
 - (6) How are they volunteering in their community to give back?
5. Aside from "leaders" we would welcome a committee to assist with the development and productivity of this program. This would consist of be-

ing 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... For example, Natalie Geer is going to be a part of our committee even though she doesn't live in Pittsburgh and will participate via Email.

6. Future Goal:

- a) To have this program created by January 1st 2018 so at that time we can begin to share and generate income

E. Hearing Impaired (Molly Michael)

1. Tendekayi (Deaftronics) will be carrying our solar chargers and batteries to Zimbabwe this Christmas when he visits his family. M. Michael will arrange a pick up
2. Unfortunately, the Solar Hearing Aids were to be shipped from Botswana, but Howard (co-founder of Solar Ear) said that customs are charging crazy duty rates. He suggested sending them to the USA and having one of us carry them over. However since TNC has no defined travel plans, we are searching for delivery options.
3. M. Michael will request to send 2017 Sponsorship funds at the end of this December
4. Sponsors: 13 (all sponsors so far have renewed for another year!)
5. BCUMC Outreach is going to financially assist with some of the short term and long term HI Goals in 2018. Possibilities include:
 - a) Everjoyce to participate in the Sign Language Course through the Daniko Project
 - b) 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) Student field trip

- 6. Finland is considering sending their HI Sponsorship funds (about \$3000/year) to TNC such that all funds are sent together to Nyadire.

- 7. CUMC's annual "Alternative Giving Mart" will include tokens from TNC that focus on the HI Program.

F. Miscellaneous

- 1. Hippo Water Rollers - Two units ordered and shipped. The tracker hasn't updated since 11/16/2017 but at that time it showed they have left Johannesburg. Both were sent to Zach as they are managing the duty free certificates. Dr. Larry will collect upon arrival in Harare. One expected to be used by 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.ny-times.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)

- 1. All travel to Zimbabwe that was scheduled for January has been cancelled due to the country's uncertain political situation. Tentative plans are for a team to travel in July or August.

2. Dr Lori Cherup, CUMC, is interested in going to Nyadire to treat patients.
3. Anyone thinking about leading a TNC VIM Trip, please let Molly know.
 - a) It is time to advertise and plan for any possible 2018 trips and 2019 trips. An informational meeting is planned for Jan or Feb for anyone interested in traveling. Leaders are needed!
 - b) With future planning, new members must attend (or send a representative) during the training dates offered. Dates will be set and will not be flexible.
 - c) The informational meeting is informal, just a time for general questions, to share photos, and to discuss previous team projects. This is a come and go conversational session to see if joining a team is for you. TNC members are encouraged to attend! That way we could have many representatives sharing their stories, outlooks, memories, and more!
 - d) Training sequence:
 - (1) Informational
 - (2) Cultural*
 - (3) Project Planning*
 - (4) Packing *
 - (a) *Mandatory
 - (b) In addition (ticket purchasing, project sub-committee planning, and paperwork)

B. Christmas Connection - (Pat Cook)

1. 500 cards were delivered to Nyadire in August. Each card will also include 2 packets of vegetable seeds.
2. \$2100 was transferred to Nyadire to enable the Mission Wide Christmas Party where Christmas Cards will be delivered.
3. Local mailing of Christmas thank you cards will be out by December 10. Any additions, please notify Pat Cook.

C. ROTARY Program

1. International Global Grant - We await response from Nyadire before beginning work on this application. Nyadire has received irrigation quotes and costing information, but still needs to discuss creation of a leadership board, the possible retention of a consultant for cropping and business planning, and the advisability of working with Rotary.
2. 770 TNC tickets sold for the Oct 7 Chicken BarBQ., and has won the bonus dollars for selling the most tickets. TNC will again apply for funds
3. to pay O-Level Exam Fees. We will learn the amount awarded during the Rotary "Night of Giving" which is held in early spring.

D. Pastor Partnership - (Faith Geer)

1. Faith Geer met with several other to discuss how this program might be reorganized, and also how more Pittsburgh district churches might engage. 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)

1. Seeds already collected are being distributed, but the program has been canceled. 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.
2. Molly Michael, Elsa Zollars, and Bonnie Lawson collected many packets of non-vegetable seeds which are now available free at TNC craft sale and events. This has been very well received.
3. Letters sent to each of the seed donors thanking them for their 2017 seed contribution and notifying them that seeds were on the way to

Nyadire for the November planting season. Another letter will be sent in about two weeks notifying them of the discontinuance of the seed program.

B. Farm

1. NO new information on farm status .

B. Micro-Loans

1. No current update. Last report indicated some loan payments could arrive in October.

VII. Orphans - (MB Zollars)

A. Overall:

1. Excitement over the political changes in Zimbabwe.

B. HOHO

1. St. Paul's is currently conducting renewals and new sponsorships.

C. HOH

1. Wire transfers for Nov/Dec have been sent. (\$6488)
2. No updates on funds from UMCOR for repair of storm damages.
3. Emmanuel reports that the Finns have sent an installment for the second duplex that must be used before January 1st. Currently, we have no funds to help with the building of the administrator's house.
4. Tsungi's medical issues seemed to have cleared up. She took her A-Level exams and is now with Sarah (Sister Rut's housekeeper) in Mutoko with the other "Lindgren" children. Godknows is now re-integrated into his place of origin and is hoping to enter a vocational school in January. Lovemore took his A-Levels. Big Tino and Nyasha took their O-Levels.

5. The LuLaRoe fundraiser might take place in January 2018.
6. Daphne Muswe's fundraiser in the UK is postponed until 2018.
7. Mary Beth Zollars gave an update on 10/29 to CUMC's Seminar Class, along with Don Ziegler and the eyeglass program.

D. Sister Rut's children

1. Kuda Lindgren has begun an internship in the Bulawayo area and expects it to turn into a job in January in Binga (Lake Kariba region). Febbie is in her second semester at Midland State's University studying local government. Knowledge is now doing her final semester at Chinhoyi University of Technology, completing her accounting degree. 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

1. A summary of the feedback received from 12 TNC leaders was provided relative to the effectiveness of TNC's website. One repeating concern is insure the website is current with program descriptions and events. T Wesley will meet with Noel Slater and develop a plan for revisions and updates to the website.

B. Working with Moses Alikali of UMC Health Board to revise a TNC poster

- C. With current events in Zimbabwe frequently in the news, TNC has several media opportunities. T. Wesley is contacting local media (radio, newspapers) to offer local perspective. An article is scheduled to be on the editorial page of the Pgh Post Gazette, possibly on Sunday, Dec 3.

- D. E. Zollars staffed a Prime Time Craft Fair at CUMC aided by Diane and Jack Welty on November 4. Sales amounted to \$300. Zimbabwe crafts will be offered at CUMC "Night in Bethlehem" on Dec. 6, and at the Mt. Lebanon UMC Craft Fair on Dec. 9.
- E. Distributed Seeds of Hope with attached note "Did you know?" at craft fairs
- F. Sent proposed article on the McPherson sisters visit to Nyadire to "In Community Bethel Park".
- G. The Mission Mall at St. Paul's UMC was held on Nov.18 from 9 am-Noon. Mt Lebanon UMC will hold their Craft Fair and Cookie Sale on Dec 9. TNC has an opportunity to sell crafts at CUMC's "Journey to Bethlehem" on Dec 6.

IX. Finance - (Richard Dickey)

- A. As of 10/31/2017 restricted funds were \$64,536 and unrestricted funds were \$8,387. Preliminary (not yet reconciled) results for 11/27/2017 show restricted at \$59,376 and unrestricted at \$8,461.
- B. \$2100 transferred on Nov 24 to Nyadire for Christmas Party. (From unrestricted funds)
- C. \$6488.50 transferred on Nov 11 for the HOH Budget of Nov & Dec
- D. Appeal distributed to TNC network churches and TNC people for financial help to repair Oct 10 Nyadire Storm Damage. \$2500 received which was matched by CUMC. \$5000 transferred on Nov 24 to Nyadire. In addition, St Paul's UMC Conaway-Munden fund is providing \$6000. This will be transferred as received and brings the total TNC will send to \$11,000.
- E. PayPal has now removed all limitations on the TNC Pay Pal account.

- F. \$300 raised at Prime Time Craft Fair Nov 4
- G. \$487.59 to be sent to B. Lawson for reimbursement of GEP expenses & \$1000 sent to D Ziegler for reimbursement of Eyeglass Program expenses

X. TNC Organization / Miscellaneous - (Drew Harvey)

- A. 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.
- B. The next Zimbabwe partnership meeting will be in Jan or Feb 2018.

XI. Recent and Upcoming Events

- Oct 11 - Destructive Wind and Hail Storm at Nyadire
- Oct 14 - D. Ziegler presents to the Mt Lebanon UMC UMW
- Oct 15 - McPherson's present Nyadire VIM trip to Seminar Class, CUMC
- Oct 20 - GEP program to North Allegheny Women's Association
- Oct 22 - EWB presentation to CUMC Seminar Class; 9:30 am, Room A105
- Oct 22 - Molly Michael represents TNC at Scottsdale UMC Mission Fair
- Oct 23 - D Harvey presents at Mt Leb Rotary, Mt Leb UMC
- Oct 23 - TNC Meeting
- Oct 25 - EWB Meeting
- Oct 29 - MB Zollars & Don Ziegler present to CUMC Seminar Class
- Nov 1 - Empowerment Pad program to Westminster Presbyterian Church PEO
- Nov 3 - EWB program at Avonworth Middle School
- Nov 4 - CUMC Prime Time Craft Fair
- Nov 5 - EWB Gala
- Nov 11 - Disaster Relief Training in Monroeville
- Nov 16 - Scholarship Program planning meeting
- Nov 18 - Mission Mall at St Paul's UMC; 9:00am until noon.

- Nov 27 - TNC Meeting
- early Dec - Expected arrival of Container in Beira, Mozambique
- 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 2018 - Zimbabwe Partnership Meeting
- Jan 2019 - EWB monitoring trip of Solar Light Installation

Next TNC Meeting - January 29 (no meeting in Dec)

6:30 pm. Room B113 at CUMC