

World Relief Committee Report – November 2023 BGM Meeting

The World Relief Committee continued to follow a post-COVID modified meeting schedule in 2023. The first meeting of the calendar year was held on September 14, 2023. During that meeting, a budget for the use of the 2023 OGHS undesignated receipts was set. Many churches receive the OGHS annual offering in the months of June, July, and August. Holding the meeting to set the budget later in the year allows for the committee to have a better understanding of the undesignated OGHS monies received.

Lisa Rothenberger, World Relief Officer, presented and reviewed with the Committee the latest 2023 financial statements for the undesignated OGHS monies, comparing them to several previous year's offerings. This review indicated that the projected 2023 OGHS undesignated receipts would be approximately \$67,000 less than the 2022 OGHS Offering. \$60,000 of this decline was anticipated, as this amount had been received in 2022 as a one-time gift from the closure of a church in Pennsylvania.

Taking that into consideration, the Committee then established a budget for 2023 based on total undesignated OGHS receipts of \$867,804. The Committee discussed several options for reducing the budget and settled on approving a budget that lowered financial support proportionally across IM development grant funding, ABHMS development, refugee program, and food and shelter grant funding, and funding for Church World Service and the World Council of Churches.

The Committee will meet on November 2, 2023 to review grant requests for 2023 from IM and ABHMS.

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