

World Relief Committee Meeting October 4, 2024

The WRC meet via Zoom on Oct. 4, 2024

The purpose of the meeting was to set the WRC Budget for the year 2024.

The Committee reviewed the OGHS undesignated receipts through August 2024. These receipts totaled \$579,891.29. This figure is less than the receipts from a comparable period during the previous years:

2023 \$608,783.66

2022 \$673,707.29

2021 \$643,707.30

The Committee reviewed several different possible financial models for the 2024 Budget. Lisa Rothenburger, the World Relief Officer made note of the WRC Policy 11.3 which stipulates that the World Relief Officer cannot end the fiscal year with less than \$100,000 in the fund, unless the Committee authorizes.

The Committee also reviewed a request from the General Secretary, Rev. Gina Jacobs Strain. As a Principle Channel (Policy # 6.5), Rev. Jacobs Strain requested the Committee include in the Budget a sum of \$25,000-\$30,000 for use by the General Secretary for Pastoral Support in response to Crisis.

The Committee agreed to add \$10,000 to the Budget for the General Secretary as this Budget would only reflect monies to be used by Dec. 31, 2024. The Committee also agreed that the request for increasing funds for the General Secretary could be revisited in the new year.

The Committee moved and seconded a motion to reduce program Budgets for IM, ABHMS, CWS, and the WCC by pro rata amounts to balance the budget. The Budget will end the year with \$102,823.

The Committee continued a previous discussion concerning the establishment of an OGHS Endowment using funds from the Palo Alto gift that have been set aside for this purpose. Lisa Rothenburger, Corey Fields and Jan Fletcher will work on a policy for the distribution of the invested Endowment Funds. The next step will be to work with A. Musoke to set up this Quasi-Endowment.

Wendy Clemmer, Staff Support representative for the BGM, brought a request from the General Secretary to the Committee. The request asked the Committee to make a change to the WR Policy #11.1 Discussion focused on receipts of funds and donor information. The Committee has asked for legal clarification concerning this matter in order for the group to continue their discussion at the November 14, 2024, WRC Meeting.

Jan Fletcher, Chair