

## GEPC Outreach Team (OT)

### Minutes from Monday, 24 February 2025

Present: Dale Anderson, Debbie Failing, Joyce Grady, Mark Lancaster, Josh Lee, Judy Lefebvre, and Mark Johnson were present.

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Meeting was called to order by Mark J. at 7:02pm. Then, Mark led with an opening prayer. The minutes from our last meeting (1/2/2025) were reviewed and approved.

(1) We discussed the "Link." The most recent printed issue of "Link" (2/23/2025) had two OT-related items: --Collection Effort = the February Collection Effort is for City Union Mission (CUM).

--Fountain City = Fountain City Church has moved to a new location = Johnson Co. Arts & Heritage Center at 8788 Metcalf Avenue in Overland Park, KS.

(2) We then talked about the CY-2025 Budget. In the "2024 Annual Report," page 20 contains a listing of all OT and MT line items, and the amount of funding that was approved by the Congregation.

(3) We discussed the fact that perhaps some GEPC members were not familiar with some of our Ministry Partners (HH, CUM, RH, Eleos, GOP, etc). Josh showed a picture that he had taken of the lower level Bulletin Board. Joyce said she would take the lead, and update any of the items on the Bulletin Board that needed updating.

(4) We then talked about the PLARN Project. The workshop on Sun, 16 Feb was very successful. We discussed the possibility of doing another one, maybe on a Sunday in June. We also should consider having a Wed. evening Family Fellowship (FF) devoted to PLARN, perhaps the first Wed. FF in the Fall.

(5) At our last meeting, we discussed how to get our Missionary information in front of the GEPC Congregation. Mark J. brought this up at the Feb. Session meeting. Session has requested that MT determine the best way to do this, and then make a recommendation to OT.

(6) Session also thinks we should have a list of Missionaries in the upcoming GEPC directory. We had much discussion about this. Putting printed address information into the Directory could potentially put a Missionary at risk for harm. We need to proceed very carefully in this process. Perhaps we should ask each Missionary, to see if they have any objection.

(7) As noted above, our current Outreach collection (in month of Feb) is for CUM. Many thanks to Joyce for coordinating this effort. Our future upcoming Outreach Collection efforts will be:

Mar Hillcrest Hope (HH)

Apr Resource Health (RH)

May City Union Mission (CUM)

June Hillcrest Hope (HH)

(8) Many thanks to Joyce for recently sending us all (via email) a Ministry Update from Eleos. Mark J. reported on the Annual Fundraising Dessert Event for Young Life (Liberty/Kearney) which was held yesterday (23 Feb) at Shoal Creek Church. The new Area Director is Alie Gillespie.

(9) There was no additional Ministry Update from the Missions Team (MT). Their last meeting was on Thurs, 23 January. Their next meeting will be later this week, on Thursday, 27 Feb. Following every MT meeting, Dale will forward to us the Minutes after they have been prepared and reviewed. Yesterday, Mark J. showed the Congregation some photos of Robert Mulumbi and his van, and there was much positive feedback. (photos from the 16 Feb PLARN Workshop were also shown)

(10) Tomorrow (25 Feb) is the quarterly CarePortal meeting. Mark J. and Joyce are planning to attend. Judy said that she also would like to attend. Mark will notify Courtney that the three of us will be there to represent GEPC.

(11) Mark L. brought up a couple items for consideration. One was about the Community Garden as an OT Project. After some discussion, we decided to table this issue, and vote on it at the next meeting. The second item that Mark L. brought up was to notify us about a washer/dryer that had been given to a Clardy family.

(12) Josh led with a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm. Next meeting will be Thursday, 3 April at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Johnson, Interim Chair & Clerk

**Note:**

***(these minutes have been approved by the Outreach Team)***