**Minutes of the Missions Working Group Committee meeting held on Zoom 21.03.21 at 7.00pm**

Present were Graham Loveland, Chairperson

Marc Baker, Wendy Vincent, Hannah Crewdson, Polly Barton.

1. (i)Marc outlined the current and proposed ecumenical work by **Churches Together in Cornwall** and stated that the biggest challenge is in getting church leaders into good mutual relationships.

(ii)One project anticipated is a new church-run **Moresk Centre** part funded by Truro City Council for the community.

(iii)The **Bishop’s Mission Order (BMO)** is aiming to unite Anglican churches and break down parish boundaries to share resources to serve the city better. Outreach to the new Langarth Development, to be led by Transforming Mission under All Saints Church Highertown, would need the Anglican church to be present as one in unity.

The aim is to revive struggling churches by using where we have strengths to help and bless them. The Waterside churches need a new leader and St. John’s, Lemon Street, also needs a new leader to turn that church around and reach schools and businesses in that large parish. It was recommended by the Kea standing committee that Kea Mission fund supplements 2/5ths of the finance to support the post of a new incumbent to St. John’s church to **£5,000 per annum for 3 years.**

1. **Tearfund** Many members of our congregations were keen to support another Tearfund project and already give individually to Tearfund. Wendy has now been appointed as Tearfund representative to Kea church. Apparently new Connected Church projects are not currently being set up due to Covid restrictions on travel.
2. **Compassion project: Child Survival Unit, Embu, NE Kenya.**

Much discussion on the pros and cons of supporting this project ensued. There were some reservations about this partnership with an Anglican cathedral and whether a genuine relationship could be established. We also wondered whether the congregation would consider this to be too similar a project to Mercy Rescue Trust but reasoned that the aim was to cover healthcare and income generating projects for the mothers and integration of the children into the Compassion Child Development Centres (CDC) programme.

On balance we agreed to fund the work of the Child Survival Unit, Embu, for **£12,500 for 15 months** and then review any further support at a lower level as support in collaboration with other churches. It would be desirable to have an assurance from Compassion UK that the project would continue if we withdrew our support after the first year. Sponsorship of children in Embu CDC by individual members of the congregation might be encouraged after the initial trial year.

We agreed that communication and transparency with the congregation would be important to encourage involvement with the project. There would be a need for a grand launch and presentation. Sue Godfrey is a Compassion advocate and might be involved.

1. Time did not allow extensive discussion on how to dispense the £10,000 mission budget after deduction of **£9,000** commitment to our 3 current mission partners: Mercy Rescue Trust, Foodbank and The Wallaces.

Suggestions included: Persecuted Christians, eg Barnabas Trust, Open Doors or small Christian chartity.

A project to grow the global church in partnership.

Anyone looking to go overseas from Kea church. Eg Steve Murray NZ (church link)

Diana Hallett; Agape.

Date of next meeting on Zoom: Tuesday 20th April at 7.00pm