

Behind the Scenes

The Kenya Mission Network Council works behind the scenes to support the work of the Kenya Mission Network. We are thirteen individuals from the United States and Kenya who meet together once a quarter to consider how to serve our congregations, presbyteries, and others engaged in East African ministries and how to interact with our Presbyterian Church in East Africa partners to meet current needs as well as to celebrate accomplishments and blessings.

Naturally, we meet electronically. In the “old” days we met by conference call but this last year we have started having Zoom meetings, an improvement from conference calls because we learn each other’s faces as well as our voices.

One big activity we accomplish is planning for Gatherings. It entails developing a theme, contacting speakers, sending invitations, setting an agenda, and making local arrangements. The 2021 Kenya Mission Gathering is happening virtually instead of being in our host city of Portland. August meeting dates are coming soon!

We are alert to opportunities for further work here and in Kenya related to our partnership. For example, the PCEA began an “Adopt a Family” program to feed hungry people early in the Covid-19 pandemic, a project we were able to support with our prayers and with some additional funds. We have learned about school closings and reopening earlier this year in Kenya, important information for all our partners who participate in scholarship programs.

The moderator of the Kenya Mission Network Council is Robert McCutcheon who has taught Greek at the Presbyterian University in Kenya and hopes to serve in the coming years in that capacity. We are happy to share the good news that the PUEA is a fully accredited university and along with our Kenya brothers and sisters we will join them in a March 14 commemoration of Thanksgiving for God’s guidance and mercy in the life of the university.

We are currently reviewing the membership of the Network so if you know congregations that might be interested in a relationship in Kenya we can help make that happen. If you are interested in serving on the Council please let us know!

Mary-Stuart Alderman took this composite photo of our Council meeting in early March. We are the ones who are serving behind the scenes.

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