

The Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries

Report to

The Week of Compassion Board of Stewards

The Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries concludes the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Global Ministries at the November Board of Directors meeting. This has been an important time to reflect on the impact of this common witness in mission on overseas church partners and congregation of both denominations.

Overseas church partners continue to request the presence of mission co-workers. Ninety-four mission co-workers served in forty-two countries in 2020. This number included twenty-eight fully supported mission co-workers, fourteen global service coworkers, twelve global mission interns, and forty global associates. Global Ministries is excited to have presently, ten global mission interns either working in their countries of assignment or working remotely.

It is important to note in this report that most of Global Ministries' overseas church partners are in a survival mode, yet they are very resilient as they shift their resources to address new challenges. Global partners of the Christian Church and the United Church of Christ are attempting to be responsive to the needs in their communities, especially related to COVID and its variants, while at the same time responding to the dire needs found within their various contexts. Climate change has resulted in changes in weather patterns, which has resulted in droughts. Cyclones and floods. Global Ministries is currently working with partners in Haiti as they are responding to the earthquake, which occurred on August 14 and partners in Mexico in response to an earthquake, which occurred near Acapulco on September 7, 2021. A cyclone struck East Timor on April 4, 2021, resulting in loss of life. The same cyclone struck West Timor resulting in the destruction of over 12,000 homes. In addition, hundreds of churches were destroyed or damaged; crops and gardens were also destroyed. Cyclone Yaas struck Bangladesh on May 26, affecting 1.3 million people and damaging 26,000 homes. Mount Nyiragongo erupted on May 22 setting off tremors and minor earthquakes in eastern Congo. Nearly half a million people were displaced and without clean water. In partnership with Global Ministries, the Church of Christ in Congo, through its diaconal services Department continues to coordinate relief efforts to the impacted areas, providing hygiene and sanitation kits, temporary shelter and food rations. The Africa Area Executive reports that the recovery is expected to take years.

Human-made disasters continue to also dominate the global community. The war in Syria has exceeded 10 years with more than half of the population displaced internally or as refugees in other countries. This past May, Israel launched a major assault on Gaza following the reactions to the eviction of Palestinians from their homes in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of Jerusalem. It is estimated that 800,000 people were driven from their homes in Mozambique and 2,000 died as the result of a rebel attack in northern Mozambique. This has resulted in a number of internal refugees and 900,000 people are severely food insecure. These displaced

people are in urgent need of shelter, food, and other services. Global Ministries is accompanying the Christian Council of Mozambique in partnership with other international organizations to provide assistance.

These natural disasters and human-made disasters provide you with a lens into how Global Ministries is accompanying overseas church partners. Thanks to the support from Week of Compassion, Global Ministries is able to provide more assistance than could be provided alone. As of September 30, DOM/Global Ministries has received \$191,000 from Week of Compassion. These funds are greatly appreciated as we stand in mutuality, with our brothers and sisters in Christ, supporting each other through one unexpected global crisis after another.

On a personal note, I will retire December 31, 2021 after serving 44 years with the General Church. I served 8 years as the Director of Volunteer Services with the Division of Homeland Ministries and 36 years with the Division of Overseas Ministries. I am thankful for the love of Disciples for the homeless, hungry, and refugee represented in Week of Compassion. I have a long history working with Week of Compassion. My salary as Director of Volunteer Services was provided by Week of Compassion. I have worked with Marilyn Hill, Larry Tankersley, Johnny Wray, Amy Gopp and Vy Nguyen. I pray God's blessings on this ministry and its leaders.

Global Mission Intern Program Report

April – September 2021

The Global Mission Intern (GMI) Program continues as a critical leadership program for the church, and we thank Week of Compassion for the support that makes this possible. During this year of COVID-19, the program has faced new challenges and surmounted them with creativity and given us hope in the continued energy of young people called by God to serve. This summer we were able to send some young adults back to placements with new energy and enthusiasm for the critical role of sharing God's presence.

Our cohorts of GMIs are creating a new generation of future leaders with strong ecumenical ties. We are continuing the seventh year where GMIs were offered, as their terms conclude, a local placement following their service that is coordinated with the Disciple and UCC Volunteer offices, specifically tailored to correspond to their responsibilities in their international location of service.

The information below on the young adults includes two distinct groups of Global Mission Interns – the first group has been serving during this time safely in their placement or who were temporarily working remotely while they wait for visas and/or Covid numbers to decrease; and those who have concluded during these six months. While remote work is not ideal, our young adults have expressed resiliency and creativity in their response and I want to share a quick note from one of the GMI's who was shared about her remote work:

This service has not been ordinary, as the past year has also been a large set of extraordinary circumstances. I have not yet been able to travel and the totality of my service to date has been virtual. This should not be dismissed though, as I have built relationships with my students, began to learn their language, and stood in mutuality with them in their daily lives of this pandemic, helping them in whatever ways I can.

We continue to promote the Global Mission Intern Program with both prayer and care. As we work on placements, we have limited considered placements in the program to countries where service is possible (both regarding travel and pandemic response) and we are reassigning existing interns and appoint new young adults in service based on those metrics. We remain prepared for a constantly changing environment and placement dates that will correspond to both safety parameters for international travel and readiness for the acceptance of interns from our global partners. We know that at this time of fragility, these global expressions of presence are more critical and so is this opportunity to share one's faith and understand God's work in the world.

Again, we thank you deeply for this opportunity to work in partnership with Week of Compassion.

Global Mission Interns Currently Serving



Maria "Abi" Hernandez (9/1/19—8/30/22) is a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Orange, California. She has been assigned to serve, thanks to her degree in both Japanese language and peace studies, with the Asian Rural Institute of Japan. Abi is assisting the operations and courses at the Asian Rural Institute teaching sustainable agriculture and organic farming to students from across Asia. She works with the new cohort of students that arrived in Japan in March and has stayed through the whole pandemic and extended for a final year.

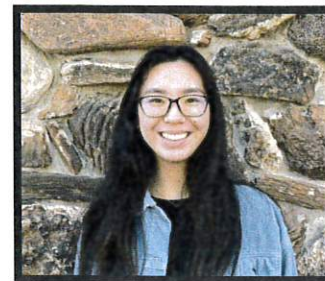
RJ Howard, (1/1/20 – 3/31/22) member of Community Christian Church (Disciple of Christ), Tempe, Arizona and has his degree in biology. He is serving with the Pacific Conference of Churches in Suva, Fiji as a program associate working with advocacy and justice issues related to global warming. He has stayed in Fiji throughout the COVID crisis working at the Ocean Desk of the PCC, addressing the critical questions of climate change in the Pacific. RJ has extending his stay as he works on a project relating to the theological questions on care of the ocean.



Leda Zakarison, (4/1/20 – 3/31/22) member of Prospect United Church of Christ in Seattle, Washington is serving at the Forum for Development, Culture, and Dialogue, Beirut, Lebanon to assist in communications and refugee ministries. She has stayed in Beirut throughout the COVID crisis under a shelter in place order living at the Near East School of Theology and started back to work at FDCD at the beginning of May. She has shared a number of strong theological reflection through the major crises taking place recently in Beirut.

Lydia Yang, (1/1/21—12/31/22) member of Yedidah Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), in Los Angeles, CA, is a graduate of Chapman College with a focus in public health. She began her service with

the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) and she is currently serving in Aikwangwon, a social welfare foundation and home for those who are mentally/physically disabled, in Geoje Island where she is able to use her experience and skills of public health.



Shelby Perez, (4/1/21—3/30/22) member of the Evangelical and Reformed United Church of Waukesha (United Church of Christ.) graduated from Emory College in Religious Studies and completed her MDiv at Chicago Theological Seminary. She is serving as a Dialogue Center Program Associate in Ramallah, Palestine at the Interreligious Engagement Center in Palestine (IECP) of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem working on interreligious dialogue.

Angelica Santiago Gonzales (6/1/21 – 4/30/22) is a member of Saguaro Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Tucson, Arizona, and a recent graduate of Washington University School of Social Work in Saint Louis, MO where she received her MSW. Angelical began her service remotely with the Iglesia Pentecostal in Chile and their retreat center, the Shalom Center due to a Covid lockdown in Chile. On arrival next month, she will be working with young people on trauma resiliency and environmental education, both of which were a focus of her master's program.



Erinn Miller (9/1/21- 8/31/2022) is a member of University Church (Disciples of Christ), Dallas, Texas. Erinn is a recent graduate of Texas A & M in pre-med and chemistry. She is serving with Time for God, an ecumenical organization of the United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom. Time for God works with churches and community agencies, to enable young adults' opportunities to engage in ministry as they themselves explore the journey of faith. Our partnership with Time for God is unique in that Time for God identifies placements in the UK for our candidates following a thorough interview process. Erinn is placed at a school in Winchester for disadvantaged youth.

Abigail Reed (6/1/21-5/30/22) is a member of Trinity UCC, Wooster, OH. Abigail is serving with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) and she is currently working with their Ecumenical Relations and Program Ministry, teaching and serving with various churches in the southern part Korea (Haneam) as it is a COVID free zone. As a former Peace Corps volunteer in Cambodia, Abigail is a certified English as a Second Language teacher and also works with three churches and their English language ministries.



Taylor Rapp (9/1/21 – 8/30/22) is a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Tyler, TX. Taylor is serving with children and youth as a Program Assistant for SSID. Taylor is working with the Children Coordination program of the Social Services in the Dominican Republic, with the main emphasis on disaster preparedness and relief for families and children, and additional direct service where SSID supports their orphanage accreditation program. Taylor studied International Studies and Spanish at Texas A& M and was inspired to apply when she learned about the program as a HELM fellow.

Thomas M. Smith IV (8/1/19- 7/31/22) is a member of Cherry Log Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cherry Log, Georgia. Thomas is a graduate of Columbia Seminary. He concluded his service with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) and has agreed to continue with a domestic placement of direct service with migrants through Partners in Service, with a placement with No More Deaths and Good Shepherd UCC on migrant ministries and sharing in local churches about the global-local connection on migration issues.



Global Mission Interns concluding during this term:

Abigail Fate (9/1/19—6/30/21) is a member of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Abby served with Melel Xojobal, Mexico which advocates for the rights of children. She provided leadership to young people between ages of 13 to 20 through workshops and events focused on human rights, conflict management, and health. Abby was evacuated in April and completed her term serving in Nogales, Sonora with the Kino Border Initiative serving refugees on the Sonoran side of the US – Mexico border.





Claire Weihe, (1/1/21 – 7/31/21) member of Bath Church, United Church of Christ, in Akron, Ohio. Claire is serving with Reformed Church in Hungary. Claire served with the Ecumenical Office of the Church, doing outreach and youth work with the Roma ministry and specifically teaching English with the refugee ministry. Because of the COVID rates in Hungary, she taught remotely for most of her service. Claire left the program early to start seminary at Yale Divinity School.

September 30, 2021

Week of Compassion

Summary of Global Mission Interns, Capacity Building Program,
Critical Presence Program and Sustainable Development, Disaster Relief and Other Grants
(Details for Each on Subsequent Pages)

January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021

	Global Mission Interns	Capacity Building Program	Sustainable Dev, Disaster Relief and Other Grants	Total (Excludes Other Inc & Exp for GMI)
	<u>Other</u>			
	<u>WOC</u>			
Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2020	200.00	28,414.84	17,000.00	46,302.84
Income:	11,075.00	34,000.00	91,500.00	191,500.00
Expense:	(11,075.00)	(24,422.11)	(81,500.00)	(195,760.11)
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2020	<u>200.00</u>	<u>37,992.73</u>	<u>27,000.00</u>	<u>42,042.73</u>
Total Ending Balance	<u>(23,638.00)</u>			

Global Mission Interns January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021

Beginning Balance	01/01/21	200.00	WOC DOM	51,175.82 62,050.14
Income				
WOC	06/01/21	33,000.00		
WOC	08/12/21	33,000.00		
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Other - Donor(s)		66,000.00		
		1,075.00		
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Total Revenue		67,075.00		
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Expenses				
Apprent Start Date	Apprent End Date			
(includes 2 mos. HA)				
January				2,046.35
February				1,496.35
March				14,641.00
April				9,174.55
May				16,447.94
June				10,982.68
July				11,390.50
August				21,305.24
September				13,628.88
October				0.00
November				0.00
December				0.00
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Expenses covered by Others		0.00		
Expenses To Date		10,254.76		101,113.49
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Total Expenses		101,113.49		101,113.49
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Ending Balance	09/30/21	(33,838.49)		

	Mexico Abigail Fate	Hingary Claire Weihe	Total Expenses	
January	1,298.17	0.00	1,298.17	
February	748.18	0.00	748.18	
March	748.18	0.00	748.18	
April	748.18	0.00	748.18	
May	1,743.94	0.00	1,743.94	
June	4,875.37	0.00	4,875.37	
July	1,317.97	0.00	1,317.97	
August	1,016.93	0.00	1,016.93	
September	10,991.17	0.00	10,991.17	
October	931.17	0.00	931.17	
November	1,119.28	0.00	1,119.28	
December	1,119.28	0.00	1,119.28	
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Expenses covered by Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Expenses To Date	10,254.76	6,792.96	17,047.72	
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Total Expenses	101,113.49	6,664.05	107,777.54	
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Ending Balance	09/30/21	(33,838.49)	(33,838.49)	

	Chile Angelica Santiago-Gonzalez	Dominican Republic Talyor Rapp	South Korea Lydia Yang	South Korea Albigail Reed	Pakistan Shelby Perez	Japan Maria Abigail Hernandez	Dominican Republic Kaitlin Thompson	Fiji Robert Howard	South Korea Thomas Smith	Lebanon Leda Zakarison	Total Expenses
January	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
February	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
March	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
April	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
May	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
June	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
July	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
August	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
September	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
October	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
November	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
December	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Expenses covered by Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses To Date	10,254.76	6,792.96	12,279.28	4,882.22	6,792.96	10,254.76	2,992.72	21,748.52	13,506.15	13,750.29	101,113.49
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Total Expenses	101,113.49	6,664.05	12,279.28	4,882.22	6,792.96	10,254.76	2,992.72	21,748.52	13,506.15	13,750.29	101,113.49
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Ending Balance	09/30/21	(33,838.49)	(33,838.49)	(33,838.49)	(33,838.49)	(33,838.49)	(33,838.49)	(33,838.49)	(33,838.49)	(33,838.49)	(33,838.49)

Allocation of Ending Balance (Assumes WOC funds spent first):
WOC Ending Balance 0.00
DOM/JUCMS Ending Balance 0.00

(formerly Leadership Development)

**Capacity Building Program
January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021**

		<u>Africa</u>	<u>East Asia and Pacific</u>	<u>Latin America and Caribbean</u>	<u>Middle East and Europe</u>	<u>Southern Asia</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning Balance	01/01/21	3,861.50	(580.00)	3,400.00	7,888.61	13,844.73	28,414.84
Income	Date Rec'd						
WOC	06/04/21	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	17,000.00
WOC	08/24/21	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	17,000.00
WOC							0.00
		<u>6,800.00</u>	<u>6,800.00</u>	<u>6,800.00</u>	<u>6,800.00</u>	<u>6,800.00</u>	<u>34,000.00</u>
Expense							
January		461.50					461.50
February							0.00
March					4,488.61	372.00	4,860.61
April		3,000.00		3,400.00			6,400.00
May							0.00
June					2,500.00		2,500.00
July							0.00
August				3,400.00			3,400.00
September		6,800.00					6,800.00
October							0.00
November							0.00
December							0.00
		<u>10,261.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,800.00</u>	<u>6,988.61</u>	<u>372.00</u>	<u>24,422.11</u>
Ending Balance	09/30/21	<u>400.00</u>	<u>6,220.00</u>	<u>3,400.00</u>	<u>7,700.00</u>	<u>20,272.73</u>	<u>37,992.73</u>

**Reported Use of Capacity Building Grants from WOC
1/01/21 – 09/30/2021**

Africa

Date	Name	Country & Partner	School & Training	Grant Amount	Explanation of Grant Use
01/27/2021	Kgolagano College			461.50	Scholarship for Botswana Synod Students
4/14/2021	United Congregational Church of Southern Africa			3,000.00	Support the UCCSA ATMC Interns Conference
09/15/2021	Eglise Des Disciples du Christ			2,400.00	To support a Theological Student and Bolivard Mokondzi Mobe
09-22-2021	South Africa Synod- UCCSA			1,760.00	Bozanguela's English instructions Scholarships
09/22/2021	Eglise Des Disciples Du Christ Association			2,640.00	Scholarship for Regis Noel for his Theological Studies
			Total	10,261.50	

Middle East and Europe

Date	Name	Country & Partner	School & Training	Grant Amount	Explanation of Grant Use
02/16/2021	Haigazian Univeristy			4,488.61	Scholarship Support for Mirella Onnigian, Jessica Balabanian and Araz Eleydjian
05/12/2021	Saliba Ozmen	Mor Gabriel Monastery		2,500.00	Scholarship Support for Ms. Talita Begtas attending Istanbul University
			Total	6,988.61	

Southern Asia

Date	Name	Country & Partner	School & Training	Grant Amount	Explanation of Grant Use
03/24/2020	Union Theological Seminary		Union Theological Seminary in the Philippines.	372.00	
			Total	372.00	

Latin American and the Caribbean

Date	Name	Country & Partner	School & Training	Grant Amount	Explanation of Grant Use
04/28/2021	United Church in Jamaica & Cayman Islands			3,400.00	Scholarship Assistance for Norlene Jackson
08/04/2021	Comunidad Teologica de Mexico			3,400.00	Scholarship Assistance
			Total	6,800.00	

**Sustainable Development, Disaster Relief and Other WOC Support Grants
January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021**

Summary		Africa	East Asia and Pacific	Latin America and Caribbean	Middle East and Europe	Southern Asia	Total
Beginning Balance	01/01/21	(3,000.00)	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	17,000.00
Income	Various	20,500.00	0.00	11,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	91,500.00
Expenses	Various	(20,500.00)	0.00	(11,000.00)	(40,000.00)	(10,000.00)	(81,500.00)
Ending Balance	09/30/21	<u><u>(3,000.00)</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>30,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>27,000.00</u></u>

Classified as WOC Project Grants on DOM's Books

Beginning Balance	01/01/21	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,500.00	0.00	8,500.00
Income							
January							0.00
February							0.00
March							0.00
April							0.00
May							0.00
June		10,000.00		8,000.00			18,000.00
July							0.00
August							0.00
September							0.00
October							0.00
November							0.00
December							0.00
		<u><u>10,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>8,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>18,000.00</u></u>

Expense

January							0.00
February							0.00
March							0.00
April							0.00
May							0.00
June		10,000.00		8,000.00			18,000.00
July							0.00
August							0.00
September							0.00
October							0.00
November							0.00
December							0.00
		<u><u>10,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>8,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>18,000.00</u></u>
Ending Balance	09/30/21	<u><u>(2,000.00)</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>10,500.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>8,500.00</u></u>

**Sustainable Development, Disaster Relief and Other WOC Support Grants
January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021**

		<u>Africa</u>	<u>East Asia and Pacific</u>	<u>Latin America and Caribbean</u>	<u>Middle East and Europe</u>	<u>Southern Asia</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Disaster Funds Reported on the Following Page</i>							
<u>Classified as WOC Disaster Funds on DOM's Books</u>							
Beginning Balance	01/01/21	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,500.00	0.00	8,500.00
Income							
January		7,500.00					7,500.00
February						10,000.00	10,000.00
March						0.00	0.00
April				10,000.00			10,000.00
May							0.00
June		3,000.00			30,000.00		33,000.00
July							0.00
August							0.00
September				3,000.00	10,000.00		13,000.00
October							0.00
November							0.00
December							0.00
		<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>73,500.00</u>
Expense							
January		7,500.00					7,500.00
February							0.00
March						10,000.00	10,000.00
April							0.00
May							0.00
June		3,000.00					3,000.00
July					35,000.00		35,000.00
August					5,000.00		5,000.00
September				3,000.00			3,000.00
October							0.00
November							0.00
December							0.00
		<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>63,500.00</u>
Ending Balance	09/30/21	<u>(1,000.00)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>19,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>18,500.00</u>