

Global Mission Intern Program Report

September 2023 – April 2024

The Global Mission Intern (GMI) Program continues as a critical leadership development program for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ. Through the GMI program, young leaders are living out their faith and expanding their understanding of God's work in the world. Accompanying and nurturing young adults through the GMI program is made possible through Week of Compassion's critical support and partnership.

During this reporting period, the program has experienced renewed interest from potential candidates. The International Recruitment and Training Coordinator is actively recruiting candidates through a variety of venues, including presence at General Synod and General Assembly, regional assemblies and conference annual meetings, college student and young adult events, career fairs, local churches, and engagement with chaplains, youth and campus ministers and racial/ethnic constituency groups.

Three Global Mission Interns were commissioned at the Common Global Ministries Board meeting, April 11 – 13, 2024. They are:

Kyra "K. C." King is a member of Light of the World Christian Church in Indianapolis, IN. She is a music media production major at Ball State University, scheduled to graduate in May 2024. KC is a stage technician for Indianapolis Parks and Recreation Department and an audio-visual specialist for Cardinal Recording Services of Ball State University. She is also a sound advisor at High Street United Methodist Church in Muncie, where she also volunteers in the food pantry. She is from Fishers, IN. She will serve with the Council of Churches of Sierra Leone, beginning October 2024.

Margaret Kofron is a member of University Christian Church in Austin, TX. She earned a bachelor's degree in English and international political science from University of the Incarnate Word in 2023. She is the director of faith formation and community engagement coordinator at Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Sahuarita, AZ. She is from Round Rock, TX. She will serve with the Forum for Development, Culture, and Dialogue in Lebanon, beginning October 2024.

Lauren Reddin is a member of Country Club Christian Church in Kansas City, KS. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of California – Berkeley in 2023. She is a math instructor at Mathnasium in suburban Kansas City. She previously volunteered with FEDICE in Ecuador and CEPAD in Nicaragua. She is from Leawood, KS. She will serve with the Asian Rural Institute in Japan, beginning August 2024.

Global Ministries is looking forward to continued growth throughout the rest of this year. The Global Mission Intern Evaluation Team has been hard at work assessing the effectiveness of the program. Staff, Common Global Ministries board of directors, and former GMIs were each separately surveyed about their experiences with and perceptions of the program. A panel discussion was held with former GMIs to engage in in-depth conversation about their experiences and hopes for the future of the program. An important part of this process has been engaging with equivalent programs in the

American Baptist Churches, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (USA), and United Methodist Church. The Evaluation Team will present its findings and recommendations to the Common Global Ministries Board at its fall 2024 meeting.

Abigail Reed concluded her time as a Global Mission Intern serving with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea. She spoke at several local churches during her itineration, sharing about her experience teaching in church-related schools. Read more about Abigail’s experience as a GMI: <https://www.globalministries.org/a-lesson-in-mutuality/>.

We are grateful for the opportunity to work in partnership with Week of Compassion.

Global Mission Intern Currently Serving:

Margaret “Emma” Perry (4/1/23-5/31/25) is a member of the University Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Fort Worth, TX. Emma serves with the Reformed Church in Hungary (RCH) Ecumenical Office. In December 2023, Emma was reappointed for a second year of service. She will conclude her term on May 31, 2025.



Global Mission Intern Who Concluded this Period:

Abigail Reed (6/1/21-12/31/23) is a member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Wooster, OH. Abigail served with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) Ecumenical Relations and Program Ministry. She worked with a cluster of churches in Haenam in the South Jeolla Province. Abigail supported three churches' English language ministries as a certified English as a Second Language teacher. She is considering enrolling in seminary.



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Summary of Global Mission Interns, Capacity Building Program,

September 1 through March 31, 2024

	<u>Global Mission Interns</u>	<u>WOC</u>	<u>Capacity Building Program</u>
Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2022	0.00	(62,380.63)	23,445.03
Income:	0.00	100,000.00	50,000.00
Expense:	0.00	(29,327.97)	(22,500.00)
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2023	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,291.40</u>	<u>50,945.03</u>
Total Ending Balance	<u><u>8,291.40</u></u>		

Global Mission Interns September 1 through March 31, 2024

Beginning Balance	09/01/23	(62,380.63)	WOC		
			DOM		
Income					
WOC	09/27/23	100,000.00			
WOC		0.00			
WOC		0.00			
		<u>100,000.00</u>			
Other - Donor(s)		0.00			
		<u>100,000.00</u>			
Total Revenue					
		<u>100,000.00</u>			
Expenses					
Apptmt Start Date					
Apptmt End Date					
(includes 2 mos. HA)					
September 2023		1,175.53	South Korea Albigail Reed	1/1/2021	
October 2023		1,175.53		8/31/2023	
November 2023		1,175.53			
December 2023		7,854.18			
January 2024		834.29			
February 2024		834.29			
March 2024					
		<u>13,049.35</u>			
Expense To Date					
		<u>2,873.31</u>	South Korea Lydia Yang		
		<u>13,435.31</u>	Hungary Margaret Perry	04/01/23	
				05/31/25	
					9,297.60
					4,529.99
					2,041.04
					8,719.69
					3,044.01
					1,725.64
					0.00
		<u>29,357.97</u>			<u>29,357.97</u>
Total Expenses					
		<u>29,357.97</u>			
Ending Balance	03/31/24	<u>8,261.40</u>			

**Capacity Building Program
September 1 through March 31, 2024**

	Africa	East Asia and Pacific	Latin America and Caribbean	Middle East and Europe	Southern Asia	Total
Beginning Balance	09/01/23	0.00	(2,078.00)	5,000.30	(8,150.00)	28,672.73
Income	<u>Date Rec'd</u>					
WOC	09/27/23	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	50,000.00
		<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
Expense						
September 2023						0.00
October 2023						0.00
November 2023			6,000.00			6,000.00
December 2023			4,000.00		2,500.00	6,500.00
January 2024		6,372.00				6,372.00
February 2024						0.00
March 2024		3,628.00				3,628.00
		<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>22,500.00</u>
Ending Balance	03/31/24	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,922.00</u>	<u>5,000.30</u>	<u>1,850.00</u>	<u>36,172.73</u>
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,922.00</u>	<u>5,000.30</u>	<u>1,850.00</u>	<u>50,945.03</u>

**Reported Use of Capacity Building Grants from WOC
09/01/2023 – 03/31/2024**

Africa

Date	Name	Country & Partner	School & Training	Grant Amount	Explanation of Grant Use
01/02/2024	United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe		United Theological College (Epworth)	2,372.00	Scholarship for Jena Tongai G
01/17/2024	UCZ University College	The United Church of Zambia	The United Church of Zambia University	4,000.00	Scholarships for Donia Banda and Joyce Tempo
03/20/2024	United Theological College In Zimbabwe			3,628.00	Scholarship for Garikayi Chapinda and Cesar Panorama Siyabwanda
			Total	10,000.00	

SOUTHERN ASIA

Date	Name	Country & Partner	School & Training	Grant Amount	Explanation of Grant Use
12-18-2023	World Council of Churches	Church of North India	Bossey Institute	2,500.00	Certificate in Ecumenical Studies for Rev. Avinash Massey
			Total	2,500.00	

Latin America and the Caribbean

Date	Name	Country & Partner	School & Training	Grant Amount	Explanation of Grant Use
11/29/2023	Sinodo de la Iglesia Evangélica Y Reformada de Honduras			6,000.00	Training Project for Missionary Pastors in Rural Areas
12/13/2023	Iglesia Cristina (Discipulos de Cristo) en Puerto Rico			2,000.00	Scholarship funds for first Semester 2024
12/13/2023	Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Puerto Rico			2,000.00	Scholarship funds for first Semester 2024
			Total	10,000.00	