

**DIAKONIA WORLD FEDERATION (DWF)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) Zoom MEETING
September 3rd / September 4th 2020**

PRESENT:

Members: Sandy Boyce (President); Ted Dodd (DOTAC Regional President); Marianne Uri Øverland (DRAE Regional President and Vice-President DWF); Anne Russell-Brighty (DAP Vice-President); Christa Megaw, Advisor (DAP); Jan Cherry (DOTAC); Sr. Elisabeth Meier (DRAE);

Ibironke Oworu (DRAE Vice-President); Gordon Pennykid (DRAE);

Officers: RFL Thorsten Walter; Diane Kaufmann, Sara Manning, Web Manager; Traude Leitenberger, Secretary

Apologies: Birgit Banzhaf (DRAE); Meresiana Kuricava (DAP Regional President);

Sandy Boyce welcomed the Executive Committee and opened the meeting with a prayer, and offered time to share personal experiences.

The use of the coloured cards during the meeting was requested.

Action: Can EC please organise coloured cards/paper or another coloured symbol for use during the meeting.

Approval of the July 2020 minutes

The minutes from the July 2020 EC zoom meeting were **approved**.

1. Reports on DIAKAID special COVID grant

1. DAP: Christa Megaw

Four applications have been received, the following three were selected for the grant:

- IKADIWA, Indonesia “Food support for parents and pre-school teachers”
- AIMP Philippines “Livelihood program for women”
- IEMELIF Philippines “School supplies for distance learning methods”

2. DRAE: Marianne Uri Øverland

Three applications have been received:

- Order of Deaconess Meth. Church Nigeria “Support for rape victims arising from COVID pandemic
- Abajo ba Christo, Rwanda “ Educational support of pupils from poorest families”
- Verband Freikirchlicher Diakoniewerke, Georgien “ Help for necessitous families in Georgia“

1.3 DOTAC: Ted Dodd

Twenty five application have been received, **nine** of these were selected for the grant:

- IECLB, San Salvador “Clinic COVID protection”
- WCD MCCA, Jamaica “Technology for Jamaica's Children's Home
- WCD MCCA, Basseterre, St. Kitts „ Safe School, Save the Sick”
- UMV DHM, Hong Kong “Support for migrant domestic workers”
- DUCC, Montreal Canada, “Post-partum mental health
- AADC, Victoria, Canada “Substance Abuse recovery”

- UMC Deacon, Georgia, USA „ On-line Women's Community”
- LDA, Valparaiso, USA “On-line Community Resilience Model training for the diaconate”
- UMC Deacon, North Carolina, USA „ On-line Mental Health First Aid training”
Action: Sandy to prepare congratulations email with information letter, signed by the President and Regional Presidents.

2. Applications not able to be supported

One application from DAP and sixteen applications from DOTAC were not able to be supported.

Action: Sandy to prepare the letter, to be signed by the President and Regional Presidents

Traude Leitenberger and Sandy Boyce will organize the follow up correspondence regarding finances in collaboration with Thorsten Walter.

3. Financial affairs: Thorsten Walter

The Pay Pal account has been opened. The donation link has been added to the website and the E-news. Facebook, President’s Blog will follow.

4. Web Manager

Sara Manning has started to re-design the website, in collaboration with Diane Kaufmann, Sandy Boyce, Ted Dodd and Jan Cherry.

5. DIAKONIA e-News

Very positive feedback for the new format of the news, and Mailchimp works well. The information is current; there is a large distribution list; the files are low resolution making it easy to download. The content shows the diversity of DWF and the response to current situations.

The big advantage of this platform is that the news can be translated automatically into all languages. It will be important that all recipients are informed about how the translation works. We will seek responses from our members as to how the translation system works for them, and if it is used.

Jan Cherry reflected on the e-News, which will be discussed in the next Zoom meeting in November.

Action: Jan to prepare to lead discussion on the reflection

6. Bylaws

Postponed to next meeting.

Action: Jan to prepare to lead discussion on the ByLaws.

7. New DWF Logo (see below) - guidelines for use of logos provided via email.

8. Archive affairs

Traude Leitenberger and Ulrike Kellner will meet with Dr Friedrich at the archive in Kaiserswerth in October to view Inga Bengtzon's bequest.

Dates for Executive Committee Zoom Meeting 2020

November 5th (DRAE, DOTAC), November 6th (DAP)

Mössingen, October, 2020



Sandy Boyce, President



Traude Leitenberger, Secretary

