Valley Presbyterian Church

Mission Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 17, 2026, **Time:** 8:45 AM, **Location:** Room 1

Chair: Doug Clark, **Co-Chair:** Ed Storey, **Recording Secretary:** Jan Schoeben

Attendance:

Members Present:
Patti Bright, Maureen Brealey, Kay Brouwer, Doug Clark, Laurel Erickson, Jan Farrington, Steve Hart, Kylene Joplin, Linda Kucera, Reed Olson, Monica Pataki, Linda Piotrowski, Jan Schoeben

Members Absent:
Judy Aguayo, Jody Fenlason, John Fenlason, Geneva Halliday, Mary Horn, Deb Jones, Ed Storey

1. Opening

The meeting was called to order at **9:00 AM**.

Opening prayer was offered.

Devotional – Doug Clark
Doug led a reflection on the theme of **"Light,"** focusing on how we demonstrate God's light through our mission work.

Full text of Devotional attached in **March Devotional - Light.**

2. Announcements

No major announcements beyond items covered in the agenda.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the **February 10, 2026, meeting** were approved and submitted to Session.

4. Financial Report

Doug Clark presented the **February 2026 Mission Budget Review**.

Key updates:

- Budget format simplified to a **one-page summary**
- **Pass-through accounts:** $19,000
- **Undesignated mission funds:** $1,088.03- Undesignated funds are supported by specific gifts given to the Mission Committee. No mission gifts were given in February.
- Valley Galley and Mission Quilts are funded from undesignated funds. Donations are welcome in future outside of budgeted funds.
- February transactional report reviewed and accepted.

5. Mission Updates

Written mission reports compiled and attached in the **Mission Committee Report – March 2026**.

Mission Highlights & Stories

- **Amado–Green Valley Food Bank (Kylene Joplin)**
  Delivered 31 pounds of food (lower than typical month). February contributions totaled $684.04, split between Amado and Green Valley to support essential items such as eggs and milk.

- **Casa Vida Nueva para Niños (Reed Olson)**
  Mission Breakfast scheduled March 28 at 8:30 AM (arrive early for seating). The event will feature the orphanage directors and children, along with a presentation highlighting recent successes and a special announcement. Tickets are $5 (available after services or through the church office). Attendees are encouraged to bring hygiene donations.

- **Crossroads Nogales Mission (Linda Kucera / Steve Hart)**
  Preparing for the March 28 Easter dinner (~130 attendees expected). . Fundraising is underway ($1,030 raised), with additional support needed. A Toyota Sienna van was acquired and delivered, significantly improving transportation for women and children, allowing safe travel with car seats and belongings. Steve Hart continues active involvement through site visits and board participation, including an upcoming annual Executive Director review. Stev Hart has been added to Crossroads Mission's Board of Directors and Linda Kucera will be added to the board next meeting.

- **Compañeros en Misión (Jan Farrington)**
  Mission Breakfast raised $1,225. All permits have been approved for new construction, with building expected to begin soon. The after-school program is exploring partnership with the YAV program to address volunteer consistency. The music ministry is expanding through donated instruments. An October fundraising event is planned with Tucson-area churches.

- **Hands of a Friend (Jan Farrington)**
  Boutique operations remain active; facility repairs may be needed.

- **Operation Christmas Child (Monica Pataki)**
  Reported 12.2 million shoeboxes collected globally, with distribution ongoing.

- **Mission Quilts (Patti Bright / Geneva Halliday)**
  No formal report submitted; continued visibility through Valley Voice articles, including recognition of veteran quilters for Memorial Day.

- **Native American Advancement Foundation – NAAF (Linda Piotrowski)**
  Winter programming included youth and family engagement activities such as traditional games, reading challenges, and community gatherings. Continued support for Little Free Library initiatives is planned. Noisy offering for NAAF is on 3/22/26.

- **Operation Mobilization (Doug Clark)**
  Pam and Dave are currently in Florida and in a period of discernment regarding their next direction in ministry. They will continue with Operation Mobilization but will be stepping away from their leadership role in South Asia. No final decision has been made regarding their next assignment.

- **Posada Life Community Services (Deb Jones)**
  No report submitted.

- **Presbyterian Campus Ministry (Judy Aguayo)**
  No report submitted.

- **St. Andrew's Children's Clinic (Kay Brouwer)**
  Approximately 50 children were served at the March clinic. Laura's recovery from hip surgery is progressing well, and she has returned to work. Continued donation support remains important.

- **Valley Galley (Maureen Brealey)**
  Valley Galley served approximately 150 meals this month with strong cost efficiency ($2.43–$3.42 per meal). February meal service of 150 meals is a record distribution across partner organizations. Valley Galley also

supplied meals for Sopori Elementary School Reading Night Dinner (~60 children and families) and provided meals and hospitality during Patio Sale events.

- **Valley Assistance Services – VAS (Laurel Erickson)**
  Progress continues across all major initiatives: workforce training classroom nearly complete; dispatch/server system implementation in progress; stucco repairs underway; shelving and equipment ordered. Medical transportation van purchase is expected in early April.

- **Young Adult Volunteer – YAV Program (Ed Storey)**
  No report submitted.

- **Youth On Their Own – YOTO (Mary Horn)**
  Celebrated a 40-year anniversary with speakers representing multiple decades of program graduates. Nineteen members attended the Spring Luncheon. Additional contributions included food donations, inspiration cards, and volunteer service. Next meeting scheduled March 25.

6. Old Business

Mission Breakfasts

- February 14: Compañeros en Misión – successful
- March 28: Casa Vida Nueva para Niños – upcoming
- November 14: Crossroads Nogales Mission – future

Noisy Offering

- Mar 29 – NAAF
  - Approximately **8 volunteers needed** for March 29 collection
  - Counting session to be scheduled the following week
- Jun 28 – Compañeros en Misión
- Aug 30 – Presbyterian Campus Ministry
- Nov 29 – Posada Life Community Services

Mission Planning & Administration

Continued planning for **2026 mission project requests** Additional context: Approximately **$100,000 available** across Gifts & Memorials and Patio Sale accounts. Gifts & Memorials are designated for **structural projects** .Patio Sale funds available for broader mission use Funds expected to be allocated by **year end**

- Request for **IRS Form 990 reports** for 2024
- Storage shelving project:
  - Materials delivered
  - Assembly underway off-site
- "Moment for Missions" continuing before services with presentation by Linda Piotrowski on 3/22/26
- Name tags needed for Crossroads representatives
- **11 mission-related articles** published in March E-Blast

7. New Business

JEBS South Sudan Fence Project

JEBS Building project reviewed and approved; proposal to be submitted to **G&M Committee** for funding consideration.

8. Open Discussion / Brainstorming

Discussion included:

- Promoting Little Free Library donation needs for NAAF
- Expanding visibility of mission efforts within the congregation
- Encouraging use of mission presentations (“Moments for Mission”)

9. Action Items

- None

10. Closing

Closing prayer offered.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

April 14, 2026, 8:45 AM – Room 1

Attachments

March Devotional - Light

Mission Committee Report – March 2026

Submitted by: Jan Schoeben/ Doug Clark