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Transitions in World Missions within the Interim Unified Agency (IUA)



Greetings People,

Shifts have occurred in the organizing of PC(USA) when it comes to how we may have understood our relationships with missionaries and mission co-workers, engagement with advocacy, and giving. For now, the denomination's organizational structure is working with Interim Unified Agency and PC(USA), a corporation.

This brief article is to provide some stepping stones to understand what is the transition in World Missions within the Interim Unified Agency (IUA).

Last month, at the presbytery meeting, we were able to host a **Town Hall** with leadership of IUA, Rev. Denise Anderson (Director of Compassion, Peace, and Justice) and Rev. Ellen Sherby ellen.sherby@pcusa.org (Associate Director for World Mission's Global Connections) to learn how World Mission is being re-organized as a denomination and what has occurred in changes with mission co-workers.



We recommend that each of your congregations go to the **MissionConnections** page where you can find the name of the mission co-worker you may be in a financial relationship and find out what their current status is within the transition. At your presbytery office, we know that many

of our congregations have long standing relationships with mission co-workers but our particular office does not have access to all the relationships specifically. You may find one of two possibilities; that the particular mission co-worker has ended their time of service with the PC(USA) as of March 25, 2025, or you may find that the person is now assigned to be a Global Ecumenical Liaison.

For those who have financially supported the work of World Mission PC(USA), where should that support be directed now?

The PC(USA) remains committed to a global presence, so financial support remains critical moving forward. For years, the current funding model for mission co-workers has been unsustainable due to declining PC(USA) membership and its impact on mission giving, coupled with rising costs. [Contributions to Account E132192](#) will sustain the work of the new Global Ecumenical Liaisons. Mid-councils and congregations are encouraged to reach out to their Stewardship and Funds Development (SFD) Liaison for guidance in discerning their continued support for global mission. Our SFD liaison is Sy Hughes; sy.hughes@pcusa.org , Stewardship Officer for the East Coast.

For our presbytery, there are grants available through the **Global Mission Team** for congregations that continue to be the witness and friendship of Jesus Christ in partnerships around the world. Please go to the [Global Mission Network page](#) for regular updates on connectional global mission opportunities.

This brings me to how your **Unified Mission Giving** (separate from per capita) is connected to our impact with global mission as a presbytery and as a denomination. When you make your Unified Mission gift to National Capital Presbytery, we send 14.8% of every dollar you give to PC(USA) mission support, currently known as Interim Unified Agency, which includes global mission and ecumenical partnerships. The remaining funds go to how local, national, and international mission is engaged with by our congregations. Examples within NCP include global mission partnership grants, presbytery-wide confirmation program, college ministry support at George Mason and University of Maryland, refugee ministries, allyship trainings, and congregational vitality development to name a few.

Please continue to reach out to my desk and all of us at the office OR your friends throughout the denomination, as we all work to stay as informed as possible amid the changes.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe