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The WMAF Newsletter will be published quarterly. The current mailing list includes more than 500 former Wesleyan missionary units (singles and couples).

The purpose of the Newsletter is to inform and challenge WMAF members regarding Wesleyan World Missions, as well as to provide a means for sharing personal news and for networking among former Wesleyan missionaries.

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NEWSLETTER NAME

If you have a suggestion for a creative name for our Newsletter, please send it to the editor. Surely someone can come up with a better name than Newsletter.

MISSIONARY ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP LAUNCHED

YOU WERE SPECIAL

This newsletter is being sent to you, one of a select group of very important persons. What makes you so significant? You are a former Wesleyan missionary.

Perhaps it was many years ago, but you felt a call from God to cross-cultural ministry. Later, after years of preparation, The Wesleyan Church appointed you to serve as a missionary. Then, a significant part of your life was willingly and faithfully committed to missionary service.

You and your colleagues ministered as evangelists, church planters, administrators, teachers, physicians, and nurses. Your home and ministry may have been in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe, or the Caribbean. You probably learned another language, and certainly you were at home in another culture.

You were special! You were a Wesleyan missionary. At some point, however, either because of ministry or career change, or because of ill health or retirement, your missionary career ended.

YOU ARE STILL SPECIAL

Someone has said that once a missionary, always a missionary.

The passion and burden of Christ's Great Commission remain, even though you are not serving overseas. The friendships established, both among fellow missionaries and nationals, continue to be a vital part of your life. And the interest in, and desire to be involved with, Wesleyan World Missions has continued long after the official ties were severed.

The purpose of the Wesleyan Missionary Alumni Fellowship (WMAF) is to provide a network to fuel the passion, maintain the friendships, and to encourage continued involvement with Wesleyan World Missions.

Initiated by the WWM pastoral care team, the WMAF is being launched because Wesleyan World Missions believes you are still special.

CONGRATULATIONS! You are a member of the Wesleyan Missionary Alumni Fellowship.

WMAF STRUCTURE AND ACTIVITIES

On the reverse side of this sheet you will find a copy of the WMAF Constitution that briefly outlines the structure, purpose, and goals of the Fellowship.

The following persons have been appointed members of the Executive Committee: Marion and Vergie Vreugdenhil, Wayne and Virginia Wright, Philip and Elsie (Kilmer) Myers, Meredith Bailey, and Beth Fussner. Marion is the chairman and editor of the Newsletter.

Local and area chapters of the WMAF will be organized during 2002. We envision some local and/or area meetings of WMAF members. Watch the Newsletter for information. Then, wouldn't it be great to have a meeting of former missionaries during the 2004 General Conference?!

Rather than assess dues to cover WMAF administrative expenses, voluntary donations are solicited. The suggested annual contribution is \$5.00. Send to Wesleyan World Missions, designated for WMAF.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP CONSTITUTION

I. Name

The name of this organization is Wesleyan Missionary Alumni Fellowship (WMAF).

II. Membership

All persons who were appointed and employed as career or associate missionaries by the Department of World Missions of The Wesleyan Church, and who are no longer serving in that capacity, are automatically members of WMAF.

III. Three-fold Purpose

The WMAF exists in order that former Wesleyan missionaries might be:

1. Valued and cherished for their years of missionary service.
2. Empowered for continued involvement with Wesleyan World Missions as prayer partners, ministry associates, and mentors.
3. Encouraged to preserve friendships and to network for fellowship.

IV. Goals

In order to fulfill its purpose, the WMAF shall pursue the following goals:

1. Maintain an up-to-date database of all former Wesleyan missionaries.
2. Publish a quarterly newsletter that will include information, prayer requests, and ministry opportunities from Wesleyan World Missions, as well as alumni news.
3. Facilitate the establishment of local and area alumni chapters and gatherings.

V. Administrative Structure

The WMAF shall function under the following administrative guidelines:

1. The WMAF shall be under the purview of the General Director of the Department of World Missions through the Director of Personnel and the pastoral care team.
2. The Director of Personnel shall appoint an executive committee of eight persons whose duties are to provide general oversight and direction to the WMAF. Executive committee members shall serve for a term of four years. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment.
3. The Director of Personnel shall appoint a chairman of the executive committee, whose duties are to provide leadership for the WMAF and ensure that its purpose and goals are fulfilled.