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MEMORANDUM

TO: Beth Fussner, Med Bailie, Wayne and Virginia Wright, Philip and Elsie Myers
FROM: Marion and Vergie Vreugdenhil

Greetings from Oklahoma. Beth has informed me that the eight of us named above have been appointed to an executive committee for the Wesleyan Missionary Alumni Fellowship, and she has asked me to be the chairman of this committee.

Since the WMAF is in its formative stage, one of the first things we need to do is to write a constitution that will provide the guidelines and structure for this fellowship. I have written a draft constitution that I am sending to you as an attachment. Beth suggested, and I concur, that the constitution should be about one page in length, hence it provides not a lot of detail but the basic guidelines. I am not wedded to any part of it, including the name of our organization, thus I would appreciate your suggestions for improvement or change on this first draft. Are there constitutional matters that should be changed, added or omitted? Can some of the wording be changed to make it more clear and/or concise?

An initial database of Wesleyan missionary alumni has been prepared and is with Beth's office. Our goal is to send out the first mailing right after Christmas informing the alumni of the formation of this organization. This mailing will include a note from Don Bray, in which he will put his approval and seal of blessing upon the alumni fellowship, and a letter from me as chairman of the executive committee highlighting our purpose and intention. Should this mailing also include the constitution?

An initial budget of \$1,000 has been provided by Wesleyan World Missions to get this fellowship off and running. Since there will be some expenditures involved, such as periodic mailings and occasional executive committee meeting expenses, perhaps both by phone and travel, continued funding will be needed. Should we set membership dues? or request voluntary contributions? What are your ideas on this?

I see two activities that we might endeavor early on to undertake as an organization. First, publish a newsletter. I will be glad to get this started, but I do not see that it necessarily is the responsibility of the chairman. There may be others who could be asked to do this. Second, facilitate the establishment of local and area chapters with periodic meetings. Do you have suggestions or ideas related to these activities? Are there other activities we should undertake?

I see quite a bit of the work of the executive committee as being done by correspondence, like this. The effectiveness of the committee will depend upon everyone responding to the issues and questions. I expect at times it may be helpful for us to have a telephone conference call in order to discuss plans and make decisions. And it may be advantageous for us to travel to a central location on occasion in order to meet together.

Thank you for your involvement in helping to get WMAF off the ground. I look forward to hearing from you.

Warmly, Marion