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— 2016 Dues Now Payable

Our chair Katherine Parker is hard at work creating a dues reminder system which would send a (non-binding, information only) invoice to each of us with options for paying dues, including the PayPal option. The invoice will come by email or postal mail, depending on how you get the UpDate.

Until December 31, 2015, Individual dues are currently \$30, while couples pay \$50. You may pay in advance to avoid dues increases taking effect on January 1, 2016. Ask about lifetime memberships.

You can pay your dues by credit card by going to the <umma-global.org> home page menu to link to our PayPal account. (Scroll to the end, no need to sign up for PayPal).

Checks can also be sent until December 31, 2015 to our current treasurer DarEll T. Weist (by postal service or using your bank's online bill pay services). Make out checks to "UMMA" and include your current contact information (postal address, email, phone).

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After January 1, 2016, Alina Saucedo Paucara, stationed in Nicaragua will assume the formal bookkeeping duties of treasurer. Harkening back to an earlier era, Jim Dwyer will be her U.S.-based assistant or — as the title used to be — coordinator to receive and deposit checks on her behalf. Jim's address is 787 Plymouth Road, Claremont, CA 91711-4249.

See below for the dues schedule after January 1, 2016

— Old Dues and New Dues

One year at a time

Singles before January 1, 2016: \$30

—after January 1, 2016:\$36 (= \$3 / month)

Couples before January 1, 2016: \$50

— after January 1, 2016: \$72 (= 2 x \$36 = \$6 / month)

Affiliates before January 1, 2016: \$20

— after January 1, 2016: \$25

Lifetime members paying before January 1, 2016, by age of the older partner:

Under 75: \$450 (= \$30 x 15) for singles;

\$750 (= \$50 x 15) for couples

Over 75: \$300 (= \$30 x 10) for singles;

\$500 (= \$50 x 10) for couples

Affiliates: \$300 (= \$20 x 15)

Lifetime members paying after January 1, 2016, by age of older partner

Under 75:\$540 (= \$36 x 15) each

or \$1,080 (= 2 x \$36 x 15) for couples

Over 75: \$360 each (= \$36 x 10)

or \$720 (= 2 x \$36 x 10) for couples

Affiliates: \$375 (= \$25 x 15)

(1) ABOUT THIS ISSUE

UpDate is normally sent via MailChimp, where you can read it in HTML or text format in your email program. A PDF file will be posted at [<umma-global.org>](http://umma-global.org) Print copies are distributed for those who need them. Just ask! We are always happy to have feedback.

You are invited to share additional information, such as country(ies) of service, with the UMMA Steering Committee by sending additional information to Jim Dwyer to edit your profile.

Issue "**100**" on the **UMMA UpDate** masthead marks a turning point in the work of your editor. No longer chair of UMMA, I am relieved of general organizational matters and leadership responsibilities and may turn again to the cutting (or bleeding) edge of digital communication! This issue is being prepared using some different technologies to move more directly to web-based publication. Hopefully you won't be too annoyed by the changes. If you receive your copy from by postal mail delivery from Gene Matthews, please give us any feedback about the changed format!

The [<umma-global.org>](http://umma-global.org) website is dead! Long live the [<umma-global.org>](http://umma-global.org) website!

As I write, we are no longer using webspace hosted by Canvas Dreams in Oregon, the space originally arranged for us by Gil Bascom and Howard Heiner and maintained all these years by Leslie Batten, student, now Leslie Batten, N.D. (Doctor of Naturopathy) with a full practice of elderly patients in Portland. If you use our webpages, you know that they have been in transition for some time.

The URL (or URI) [<umma-global.info>](http://umma-global.info) has been the address where a new website has been developing. The old address [<umma-global.org>](http://umma-global.org) is the URL of our original site. Both addresses now point to the same site and all material of historical value will have been transferred from the old webspace to new space hosted by [<1and1.com>](http://1and1.com) or stored. Some among you will notice that I have discovered Google's URL-shortener at goo.gl to reduce space used in print-rendering of website information. Let me know if short URLs help us or confuse us!

(If you are looking for webspace for your own site, please ask Jim Dwyer for a referral to 1&1, which can be turned into a credit against our billing.)

(2) AN EXPECTANT ADVENT

Since this issue is overflowing with various news and Ric Schwenk's reminiscences of the advent of UMMA, let it simply be said that we wish that each of us may experience the arrival of new insights into God's presence among us and those with whom we serve in this season!

(3) GUEST EDITORIAL

— Remembering UMMA Beginnings

by **Richard L. Schwenk**, first editor of UMMA UpDate and MIR with spouse Caring at the time of UMMA's founding.

Thanks to our current editor for the invitation to write something on the 20th anniversary of the founding of UMMA and the 100th issue of UMMA UpDate, and greetings to current and former UpDate readers! Thanks, Jim, for managing the many changes which have come in communication since I turned editorship of it over to you in August 2010. Who would have envisioned reaching this milestone! Thanks, as well, for being part of the team two decades ago as we formulated our objectives and bylaws. And for always responding with positive editorial suggestions as I edited UMMA UpDate. As I recall you were the one suggesting that we spell UpDate with a capital "D" to make it distinctive.

The first glimmer of an idea to start an organization for GBGM missionaries began when talk of "re-organization" of the General Board of Global Ministries was started by Randy Nugent. That was just prior, I believe, to Caring's and my being appointed to be MIRs ("Missionaries in Residence") for one year at The Interchurch Center aka "God Box" at 475 Riverside Drive in New York, starting in September 1995. Robert Harmon was Deputy General Secretary for the World Division at that time and the last to hold this position when World and National Divisions were dissolved.

In conversations anticipating that reorganization the need became clear to get our missionaries organized in order to have a voice in the coming changes. There was no longer to be a yearly "Missionary Consultation" under the re-organization proposed: Board staff and directors would no longer be available to discuss policy matters with representative missionaries from the various assignments around the world who were on home assignment. 1996 may have been the last Missionary Conference and Missionary Consultation, soon to be

replaced for a time with a Global Mission Personnel Conference with a different agenda, also since "extinct."

We must have given a hint about the plan to organize then World Division missionaries (now Global Missionaries) when we issued our first issue of Mission Matters as MIRs.

(In those days MIRs were elected or selected from active missionaries by regional rotation to be active in a special MIR office at 475 Riverside Drive for a year. One of their jobs was to produce as many issues of Mission Matters as possible. I think we may have published six. But without email addresses it meant sending copy to the print center, waiting for a day or so and then starting to address and stuff envelopes to mail to about 400+ mission workers, including some retired. Before email that was a tedious job. Quite a high percentage of envelopes came bouncing back because of lack of forwarding addresses. Caring and I thought that was a great waste of time and money. One day one of the staff suggested that Caring go down to the Payroll Office to ask for the most up-to-date addresses. She got them. But it was not long before Wilma Roberts, Administrative Secretary, came into our MIR office and scolded Caring for going into the Payroll Office because it was "Off Limits." But, in the process, Caring's action saved a lot of money for postage. Wilma really kept us doing various assignments as MIRs. We considered her like a "big sister" whom we had to respect. She did her job of keeping us doing our job!)

In the Fall of 1995 I bought our first laptop and got connected for emailing. Don Reasoner, a former missionary and still a staff member, and I started building an email address list for missionaries. Soon we had about 100 addresses; quite a few were outside the U.S. I'll never forget when I first was able to send and receive emails with missionaries in some remote places who had to rely on connections via satellite and who could only have generator power to connect at night. Email was gradually being used by the World Division administrators at the GBGM. In fact some of the administrators were preparing to print the email addresses of missionaries in publications like the Prayer Calendar and United Methodist magazines when Don and I cautioned against that for fear of junk mail (or "spam").

Caring did word-processing on an old and slow IBM computer, probably a reject. But I used my laptop computer for communicating with my growing list of

missionaries, telling about the new UMMA organization. I mostly did this from our apartment after work to avoid potential conflict with use of GBGM time and resources.

Email was not considered suitable for "official correspondence" by the Board. "Official" matters required expensive International Air Mail. The Fax machine was next most "official," but few had fax machines! Of course there were no websites or social media then either. But for the most part we managed to communicate, but almost always with a turtle-slow turn-around compared to the wide use of email today. [Three weeks was a typical interval between sending a question and getting an answer! — ed.]

We were gradually communicating more to mission workers who had email. UMMA selected "Regional Representatives" who had email service. They would forward messages and UMMA **UpDates** via local means of communication to more remote mission stations and colleagues without email and sometimes channel information back to us. Email was especially helpful in communicating with those who would later become our first officers, namely Howard Heiner, chair; Gil Bascom, coordinator; Fred Price, treasurer. Jim Dwyer, Marty Collier and about 25 others also gave lots of good ideas.

Being at "475" was very enlightening as we were invited and required to attend all sorts of meetings where we were sometimes asked to give input. We did not just sit in our little office each day. We did trouble-shooting for missionaries who dropped by or called or sent requests. We had to send bronze grave markers for those missionaries who had died. Sometimes we were advocates.

One of our thrills was being sent to the 1996 General Conference in Denver where we sent out one of the first email editions of Mission Matters via my laptop. Robert Harmon read and approved of my reports sent in this unique, trailblazing way. We both took pleasure in this very cutting edge means of communication — especially nice since it was coming from the General Conference!

Gene Matthews, at the time still mission treasurer in Korea, was very interested from the start and sent me many emails questioning and steering us in the right direction, e.g., were we going to be just a kind of "rubber stamp" of the GBGM or give input that would improve the mother organization? Gene would eventually attend many of the Fall Board meetings after he retired in Iowa.

Wilson Boots also dropped by our office and gave suggestions for a missionary organization whose time had come. He eventually helped me come up with our UMMA name.

Soon Jim Gulley, Cherie White, Dr. Hugh and Elizabeth Frazer joined us from their various assignments or retirement. Norma Kehrberg, and Jim Dwyer got more involved as strong leaders and one by one served as chairpersons. There were about 25 other missionaries who happened to be on "Home Assignment" (aka itineration) who attended our organizational meeting. Many more names could and should be added here.

Although asked to be the chair, I did not want to be an officer. As MIR I urged Howard Heiner to be our first Chair. He refused at first but then said he would sleep on it and let me know. The next morning I saw him eating breakfast and in deep conversation with Wilma Roberts and other Board executives. I knew he had made the right decision and we had picked the right person for the right time. He had a big strong voice and tall presence in any group!

It was about 1996 that I volunteered to edit a newsletter which later became the UMMA **UpDate** on condition that our leaders would help proofread early drafts. It usually took about six drafts to get it in shape to send out. It was mostly via email as there was no budget for printing and postage and it was too slow. The first "numbered" issue came out in August 2001.

We finally met at a Missionary Consultation at Ridgecrest Baptist Camp and Retreat Center outside of Asheville, NC (not far from Brooks-Howell Home and Lake Junaluska) in 1996 to firm up our officers and bylaws. This was where Jim Dwyer proved himself as a great asset in giving just the right wording with a diplomatic and legal touch to our objectives and bylaws. We decided that we did not want to be formalized as a missionary union, but wanted to have a strong united voice regarding policy and "entitlements." We assumed that all mission workers would be willing to pay a small amount for dues to be represented. (In fact Marty thought we could have the membership dues automatically deducted from our salaries. Maybe we should have?) But as can be expected, not all who volunteered kept up paying dues. But a few paid as Life Members. So without enough saved in our bank deposit, the officers and other leaders had to pay most of their own costs for attending meetings, with some subsidies as possible.

It turned out that the best time to meet would be during the annual Fall Meetings of GBGM Directors that were usually held in the Marriott Hotel in Stamford, Connecticut. At first we leaders stayed at a cheap hotel not too far from the Board's hotel. We were considered outsiders and paid for our own lodging and food at the mall with a subsidy from UMMA for transportation. As long as Dr. Randolph Nugent was around, UMMA was largely ignored, even though I had kept him informed of our intention to organize. It was only on the last afternoon as Caring and I were packing to leave the MIR office for good that Randy called to say he wanted to talk to me about this "new missionary organization" we were forming. By then we were already organized — he could not "buy us off" with special perks as it was said he had done when the support staff wanted to form a union. He was concerned that UMMA was becoming a union. I told him I had sent copies of our UMMA organization and I was sorry that our van was about to take us back to our apartment in New Jersey!

During several of the first annual meetings ["Gatherings"] at the Marriott Hotel in Stamford the UMMA representatives sat at the back of the conference hall and were not invited to group meals. Then after several years the Board started to allow us to eat free with the whole conference at the usual Board banquet — and even to give us nametags! The Treasurer had meetings with us and we worked on ironing out some difficulties, such as cost of living adjustments, health insurance, and special short-term missionary needs. We felt more accepted as valued participants in the church's understanding of mission.

It was great to be meeting Board members and church leaders from home and abroad. Sometimes, but rarely, we were being asked our opinions on matters under discussion. After some years we were finally recognized during plenary as active and retired missionaries who had served a total of, say, 500, 600 or 700 years — however many years the gathered group had served as GBGM missionaries. Since most attending were career missionaries already retired or soon to be so, the number or years reported could be quite impressive! There were gasps and expressions of awe from the elected directors. But it depended on the presiding officer of the moment whether these facts would be mentioned to the whole group.

Where is UMMA going? If not UMMA, who or what will speak with one reasoned and united voice for career missionaries retired and active and for others who may be short-term mission workers?

It does keep the Board on their toes when UMMA members express their ideas! I think UMMA is a powerful organization for good and should continue adapting, improving and sharing "cutting-edge" methods and motivation for God's mission worldwide.

(4) DIRECTORS' MEETING

Each October the Directors of Global Ministries come together for their "annual" meeting. A few or many missionaries representing UMMA are traditionally present for formal meetings or informally to sit in as guests in the open meetings of the Board. (Some meetings are not public: Both the Personnel Committee and the committees dealing with certain aspects of property or finance may meet in "executive" session when all guests are requested to leave, except for the few who may be reporting or have been specially granted permission to attend.)

For the past few Directors' meetings a disproportionate number of sessions have been "executive sessions" in preparation for the pending move of HQ from New York to Atlanta and because of other matters like restructuring of personnel accompanying decisions to have "regional offices" outside the U.S.A. Regional offices are intended to enhance the global accessibility of GBGM staff and resources. More details of pending personal and structural changes are expected in January 2016.

In several such cases, the secrecy and a delay in reporting out of what was discussed has to do with the need, for the sake of fairness, to share details of the move to Atlanta first with persons whose livelihoods and futures are most directly affected.

In short, time has been at a premium in meetings which are now limited to 48 hours total, starting typically on Thursday noon and ending Saturday noon.

This year's annual meeting was held October 1-3 at The Interchurch Center in New York. (The "spring" meeting is usually in April. Due to General Conference, it will be held earlier — March 17-19 — in 2016.)

Although there was no UMMA luncheon with Thomas Kemper and staff and liaisons from the Directors this year, as we have grown accustomed to, the following nine UMMA representatives were present for part or all of the Directors' meetings: Dakin Cook (UMMA representative to GBGM Pensions Subcommittee with Jim Dwyer), Jim Dwyer (retiring chair), Esther Gitobu (SC for East and South Asia and Pacific [ESAP]), Katherine Parker (new chair), Alina Saucedo Paucara (SC for Caribbean, Central America and Mexico [CCAM] and new treasurer), Kristy Schmitz and Larry Schmitz (new MIRs), Hillary Taylor (former SC for Mission Interns 2012-2015 and new secretary), and DarEll Weist (departing treasurer).

The Directors' meeting began with an impressive commissioning service for eight new "Global Missionaries" (current terminology) developed by Jorge Lockward and staff. These services have been live-streamed for several years now. This service and the summer commissioning of international Global Mission Fellows are available to view over the internet at <<http://goo.gl/T2mzE0>> (or <livestream.com/globalministriesUMC>), a "channel" set up for Global Ministries events. You can also "meet" the new missionaries on the UMMA website <umma-global-info> from your desktop or laptop.

Among the tidbits of information which did become available in public sessions were these: Decisions about which staff may move to Atlanta and which will be asked to accept a severance package have been delayed and will likely be announced in January (instead of October). The first of the sites for regional offices has been determined to be Buenos Aires, Argentina. Sites in Africa and Asia will be determined at future meetings as plans develop; executive Mande Muyombo was assigned responsibility to direct these decisions.

Meanwhile, heads of new departments have been invited but not announced and will, in the next two months, be putting together their concepts of how to move forward. A working paper by Thomas Kemper on the new structure is available on UMMA's website. Further announcements are due in January. The moving date for occupying space in the remodeled Grace UMC facility at 458 Ponce de Leon Avenue, NE, in Atlanta is tentatively set for August 2016, although a few staff are already in temporary offices there, including Judy Chung, currently Associate General Secretary for Missionary Services, who deals with most of active missionaries' concerns, and the new Missionaries-in-Residence, Larry and Kristy Schmitz.

The unanticipated presence of asbestos in parts of the building has created some delays, but no major change in plans. (Google can offer you a street view of part of the three-building physical plant which GBGM is purchasing; Grace Church will continue to "live" in GBGM owned and maintained space; the congregation's street banner proclaims, "Our God Loves Everyone" <graceonponce.org>, and their website is characterized by its home page: "Find Grace Here")

Thursday afternoon provided for passage of all the usual formalities related to any meeting — minutes, evaluation of the prior meeting, treasurer's report, updates to the Mission Opportunities Book (mission program grants and projects), etc., and an update on the plans to move to Atlanta.

Friday morning was filled with the program committee meetings — Mission Program Areas, UMCOR/Global Health, Communications and Development. New Communications Executive is Emily Miller, formerly with UMW. The afternoon was filled with the Standing Administrative Committees, including the Committee for the Elimination of Institutional Racism, whose recommendations, this author believes, have helped to an increasingly open style of decision-making and leadership. Both Friday evening and Saturday breakfast were taken by executive sessions, while the final plenary was dedicated to receiving and approving the reports from all the committees which had met in the course of the 48 hours. Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, who is president of the Board, presided at the closing worship service and sending forth.

Katherine Parker and Jim Dwyer found opportunity during a meal break to consult with Thomas Kemper about future formal approaches to issues of common interest. It was suggested that future meetings can be arranged with individual members of elected staff, whether Judy Chung, Roland Fernandes, or George Howard, depending on the concerns being addressed. Thomas Kemper would gladly participate in less frequent higher-level meetings and in any forums UMMA might be able to initiate and carry out. Patterns will be developed to replace the semiannual luncheon meetings we have enjoyed the last few years.

Nothing momentous happened at this meeting in the realm of missionary salaries, pensions or benefits. In 2014, in response to UMMA's input, the decision had already been implemented that "Defined Benefit" pensions for current retirees would automatically increase by 2% each year, unless the

Directors intervened. The need to address the equitable salaries question for non-U.S. originating missionaries with regard to the Social Security and Medicare benefits paid for missionaries eligible for this U.S.-based coverage was raised again. Resolution was again delayed until the end of a study of global compensation questions which is not expected to begin in earnest before January 2016. A minor policy adjustment in how housing is figured for FICA purposes responded to new IRS policy for U.S. persons in points of assignment where housing is provided locally. (The change will maintain net salary rather than burden missionaries with the cost.)

Upon adjournment, UMMA members present boarded a special bus to transfer them to Newark, NJ, where they would be joined by others for the 2015 UMMA Gathering (annual general meeting). On the bus with them were Judy Chung, Missionary Services, Scott Atnip, Directors' Liaison to UMMA, and the new MIR's Kristy and Larry Schmitz, just returned from their placements in D R Congo, who participated in the Gathering, as well.

Since adjournment, a document passed through a closed session, later shared with staff and then active missionaries has been released with ideas of how a regionalized Global Ministries might look. Entitled "Reimagining Global Ministries" it can be viewed or downloaded from our UMMA website ,<umma-global.org>.or <<http://goo.gl/DPVmGR>>

(5) GATHERING

Since the end of the Gathering, our newly elected chair, **Katherine Parker**, spent time on leave in Northern California and itinerating to local churches and only recently returned to earthquake-devastated Nepal where she has relocated from Kathmandu to Rukum, where internet service is even more sparse. We await her words of greeting in our next **UpDate**.

The Gathering provided us with two full days of encouraging community consultations at the Newark (NJ) International Airport Marriott Hotel and an afternoon outing to the Archives of the United Methodist Church in Madison, NJ, from October 3-5. Highlights of the Gathering posted during the sessions can be found at <umma-global.org>, where the minutes have also been posted.

We were blessed that we could welcome three missionaries of the twelve present who were not of U.S. origin, including Steering Committee members **Marília Schüller** (Brazilian serving in Brazil), **Alina Saucedo** (indigenous Bolivian

serving in Nicaragua, new treasurer) and **Esther Gitobu** (Kenyan, serving in Cambodia) and one recent alumna of the Mission Intern program, **Hillary Taylor** (from South Carolina, having served in South Africa and in Florida and now UMMA secretary). Others attending were **Katherine Parker** (Nepal, chair-elect), **Kristy** and **Larry Schmitz** (new MIRs), **Dakin Cook** (newly retired), **Jim Dwyer** (retired), **Mary Escobar** (from U.S. to Paraguay), **Hugh** and **Fritzi Johnson** (retired in France), **Dick Vreeland** (retired), and **DarEll Weist** (retired). Additionally, **Scott Atnip**, GBGM Director, and **Judy Chung** were present for initial portions of the meeting on Saturday and Sunday.

Beside normal matters of a business meeting — report of the chair, approval of minutes, election of officers, treasurer's report and budget projections — the group engaged with several theological aspects of Global Ministries' work: We read and reflected on Global Ministries' **Theology of Mission** Statement; we engaged with the concepts of "**ministry with***" under the leadership of **Mary Ellen Kris**, consultant on *Ministry with the Poor*; and renewed our understanding of our relationship with creation with the help of The Rev. **Pat Watkins**, missionary for the *Care of God's Creation*. (Mary Ellen and Pat are both working under the General Secretary's office but Pat's official place of assignment is to the Council of Bishops to further reflection on the bishops' 2009 "Call to Hope and Action." (Check out their websites at <www.umccreationcare.org> or the older <hopeandaction.org> for Pat's work and <www.ministrywith.org> for Mary Ellen's.

Devotional moments included reflections by Jim Dwyer on a theme raised by **Dee Stickley-Miner** at a Board committee meeting addressing the question how the church can help people (e.g., prisoners) feel "clean" again once society has pronounced them "unclean" (cf. Leviticus and Jesus' healing of lepers); a communion service led by Hillary Taylor; and a closing worship led by Hugh and Fritzi Johnson.

The Gathering ended with an excursion by bus to Madison, NJ, where we were hosted by **General Secretary Alfred T. Day** ("Fred") of the General Commission on Archives and History at the United Methodist and Drew University Archives and members of the staff of both archives. (DarEll Weist, an elected director of the General Commission, had arranged this for us.)

(6) PASSINGS

In Mid-September Joyce Hill provided a list of recently deceased missionaries listed in *New World Outlook*. *NWO* does not include age at time of death. Some of them were previously mentioned here. (We note with thanks that the editor, Christie House, extends permission to us to reprint these lists.)

Melvin B. Meyer, died January 8, 2015 (Dominican Republic); **Graeme Murray**, died April 7, 2015 (India); **Ruth Angove**, died April 17, 2015 (Nepal); **Samuel Ghartey**, died April 30, 2015 (Bahamas, Turks, and Caicos Islands); **Leon Strunk**, died May 4, 2015 (Brazil); **Robert L. Caufield**, died May 5, 2015 (Bolivia); **Julia McClain Williams**, died May 7, 2015 (Bolivia); **David L. Swain**, died June 6, 2015 (Japan); **James Brouwer**, died June 24, 2015 (DR Congo); **Rachael McCleary**, died June 28, 2015 (Bolivia).

The California-Pacific Annual Conference reported the death of retired pastor **J. Richard Acosta**, 88, on September 4, 2015; Richard and wife **Lena** (Magdalena) had been home missionaries at the Lydia Patterson Institute and, following retirement, served the English-speaking Peace Church (UMC) in Munich, Germany, where they were succeeded by Jim and Helen Dwyer.

Joseph Wagner posted on the "Sierra Leone UMC" Facebook page that **Lois C. Olsen**, 90, died September 17, 2015. An obituary on the Agriview website <<http://goo.gl/ITupHs>> provides a tale of missionary calling from an EUB pastor's family to go to China which culminated in her becoming the first nurse-midwife in Wisconsin (having been assigned to study in London by the mission board), learning Chinese at Yale, but ending up in Sierra Leone without preparation for the 18 dialects spoken there. Joe reports that she kept a log of mid-wife duties indicating she delivered 980 babies in her years of service, and that she authored three books (**Contentment is Great Gain; Godly Tents; and All God's Children**). An obituary in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel paints a glowing picture of her impact: <<http://goo.gl/07AQhP>> as does the Suminski "Life Story" Family Mortuary obituary with video <<http://goo.gl/32883Q>>.

(For only \$10 per year you can order an online subscription to **New World Outlook** from the Global Ministries website at <<http://goo.gl/xPr4Ee>> which you can then download to your computer.)

(7) BOOKS BY MISSIONARIES

Tim Boyle, Global Missionary in Japan anticipated the publication of his new book **The Gospel Hidden In Chinese Characters** this month. To be published by Xulon Press, the cover blurb says this about the content:

"Chinese characters ... are often made up of combinations of simpler characters that in themselves have meaning. As ancient Chinese scribes developed more and more pictographs to symbolize words in their spoken language, it is clear that they were making associations that in themselves told a story of some sort. They left no record to indicate what they specifically had in mind, and so we who live some 4000 years after the fact can only speculate as to what was in their minds.

"It is truly amazing, however, to see how so many of the associations they used make perfect sense if we use as a working assumption that they still had oral traditions that handed down stories of early human history similar to what we find in the Bible.

(8) LAST WORDS Sojourners verse/voice/prayer for 11/3/15

"[The Lord] shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." — **Micah 4:3**

"Always from the child's hand the sword should be removed. I think every nation is an infant." — **St. Francis of Assisi**

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