

Ghana Partnership Report: September 16, 2018

- Irene Amon, a faculty member at Good News Theological Seminary who recently entered Fuller Seminary in California and is now working on her doctorate there, wrote back to us in February:

I am delighted to hear from you and thank you for your welcome. I hope you're doing well now and sorry for the flood and the destructions it caused to your home. Humphrey mentioned you to me I think around the same time in November. I like my school and adjusting to Pasadena, CA with all the fires and mudslides. I'm in the school of Intercultural Studies which was formerly known as the school of world missions. I'm studying missiology and leadership, which has been my interest for a very long time. It is also furtherance and more in-depth studies of my M.A. from Luther Seminary. It's been challenging, but I'm grateful it is because that is how I see God at work in every step of the way.

I will like to visit eastern U.S if I have the privilege to do so. Please feel free to address me with any of the names you have. I answer to any.

- As previously mentioned, Pastor Wes Bergen, of Morgantown Church of the Brethren, reported they set aside \$2,000 for the seminary, but we've had no further contact with their church.
- At a previous congregational meeting, Fran expressed her desire to step down as chair of the Ghana committee. We have been unsuccessful in identifying a new chair for the committee to coordinate activities with Good News Theological Seminary for 2018, including possibly arranging a trip to Ghana in 2019. Many of the earlier members who provided leadership in this project (Dave Miller, Laura Litwiller and her husband Ken, Liz Hunsberger) are no longer at UMC, and other committee members are unable to shoulder the responsibility of chairmanship.
- I (Fran) must sadly resign the role of chairmanship due to health and other commitments. If there are no other members with the call and energy to move forward (with options such as a visit from Irene Amon, strengthening a partnership with Morgantown, planning another trip to Ghana in 2019), UMC will need to decide the next steps. I personally hope that our well-established and important relationship with Good News will not dissolve, but can continue in some form (such as at least continuing to support a student financially with our sisters and brothers who operate doing God's work in such a challenging environment.)

Report submitted by Fran Osseo-Asare

Other committee members: Fidele and Leah Lumeya , Rogers and Paulette,
Bart Moyer, JimRosenberger, Mary Derstein, Jeremy Gernand.