

1. Meeting opened with a prayer.
 2. Focus: In the school of Christianity we are never anything but beginners.....
 - Discussion about examining traditions that might need to be let go or brought back.
 - Patsy Smith is the new chair and we have new trustees. List of council members attached.
 3. WON Team- Annie Seder has applied for a \$3-4K grant to help coordinate the sanctuary movement and includes funds to hire someone 5 hours per week. Sarah Severson and Carol Mehesy have applied for an art and society \$36K grant "Belonging" which would include making a short film, Raven narratives, a visual art piece regarding immigration. This grant would include \$5K which would go to the church to help support sanctuary.
 - There will be a card party, January 15th at 6:00 to make valentines for immigrants who are incarcerated in Colorado. All are welcome.
 - Sanctuary status: Senator Bennett has agreed to sponsor a private bill for Rosa if we can get someone in the house to sponsor one also.
- Trustees
- The new handrails are completed.
 - Thank you to everyone who helped with Christmas decorations.
- Trustees would like to initiate a quarterly clean up. Looking at February to clean and organize (inside).
date TBA, 9-12 followed by lunch.
- Carpet in the nursery And Craig's office needs to be ripped up. We have volunteers to do this. Philip Walters volunteered to buff hardwood floors which are underneath. Motion to proceed was made, 2nd and passed.
 - Lighting in the fellowship hall needs new ballasts and the Kitchen light need to be replaced.
4. Finance – 2017 report still in process of being finalized.
 - a. Offerings and giving have increased and are in line with the budget.
 - b. There is money left over from Christmas Baskets. If you would like to be reimbursed for money you spent, get the receipt to Dana.
 - c. Tandana Foundation has a Grain Bank project in Mali which will help stabilize a year-round food source. They need \$5K. There was a discussion about using Christmas basket and western excelsior money to donate. Motion was made, 2nd and approved to hold a special offering and use Christmas and WEC fund to make up the difference up to \$5K.
 - d. Discussion about a giving campaign. Philip will speak about it. Giving can be time and talents not just monetary.
 5. Worship, Outreach, Nurture
 - a. Church will fund knitting supplies as needed (most are donated) and postage for prayer shawl group to send shawls if recipients are not local.
 - b. Looking for people to commit to visit Valley Inn and other local nursing homes. Please contact Craig or Beth Wetherill.
 - c. There will be youth mission trip Tsaille, Arizona if there is interest.
 - d. Andie Pascal will be doing an internship here. This may expand to ministry for others.
 - e. Craig has been meeting with the Episcopal minister in Cortez about the possibility of working together to use the church next door to provide transitional housing for people in need.
 - f. Craig is exploring ways to provide "Healthy Masculinity" training to youth and adults.
 - g. Garden Pledge – Patsy would like to start a program to bring awareness and educate youth and adults about local food resources and gardening.
 - h. Discussion about the 10:00 AM service at the end of the month was positive.
 6. Other
 - a. The next meeting will be on March 11, 2018. The May meeting will be on the third Sunday, May 20th so as not to conflict with Mother's Day.
 7. The meeting was closed with a prayer

* see Attached

Bernadette Tuthill, Secretary

Mancos United Methodist Church

Minutes from August January 14, 2018 meeting

ATTENDANCE

Doug & Ann McNeal

Sue Pasinal

Mari Mackenbach

Barb Cove

Helen Ruth Aspaas

Patsy Smith

Richard Cove

Frances Hitchcock

Jeanne Archambault

Cherrie Foster

Mike & Gail Harvey

Rydia Simmons

Linda Walters

Philly R. Melen

Dana Petersen

**Mancos United Methodist Church
Lay Leadership Report for 2018**

Church Council

Chair: Patsy Smith

Vice-Chair: Helen Ruth Aspaas

Secretary: Bernadette Tuthill

Treasurer: Dana Petersen

Financial Secretary: Connie Goodell

Trustees Chair: Francis Hitchcock

PPR Chair: Jeanne Archambeault

Finance Chair: Rachel McWhirter

Lay Leader: Silvia Fleitz

Lay Member of Annual Conference: Silvia Fleitz

Ad hoc committee on investments: Keith Nelson, Leonard Goodell, Rachel McWhirter,
Philip Walters

Pastor: Craig Paschal

Board of Trustees

Philip Walters

John Tsukayama

Kenny Smith

Francis Hitchcock

Mike Lavy

Doug McNeil

Darcy Levtvow

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee & Lay Leadership Committee

Kim Schultz

Libby Guilfoyle

Jeanne Archambeault

Linda Walters

Gail Lavy

Cherrie Foster

Anna Taft

Finance Committee

Rachel McWhirter (finance chair)

Dana Petersen (treasurer)

Connie Goodell (financial sect.)

Patsy Smith (council chair)

Silvia Fleitz (Lay leader)

Jeanne Archambeault (PPR Chair)

Leonard Goodell (investments)

WON Team

All Members

Mancos United Methodist Church

2018 Budget

Gifts and Giving:

Regular Offerings	\$83,500.00
Fellowship Hall Usage	\$2,000.00
Child & Youth Programs	\$1,000.00
Special Offerings	\$1,500.00
Interest & Dividends	\$19,000.00

Total Giving **\$107,000.00**

Expenses:

Clergy/Parsonage Expense	\$63,000.00
External Benevolence	\$12,500.00
Directed Offerings	\$2,500.00
WON team	\$7,500.00
Administrative Expense	\$8,000.00
Operations and Maintenance	\$13,500.00

Total Expenses **\$107,000.00**



Dologou Grain Bank Project Information

Cost: \$5000

Beneficiaries: 800 residents of Dologou, plus residents of surrounding villages

Contact: Anna Taft, anna@tandanafoundation.org

Summary:

The community members of Dologou, Mali live mostly by subsistence farming of millet and peanuts. Yet with the decreasing rainfall in recent years, they are having a hard time growing enough food to last until the next harvest. During the rainy season, most families have run out of the millet they harvested, and yet, this is the time they need to eat the most, since they are working hard in their fields. At this time of year, the market price for millet is extremely high, and it is hard for farmers to lose a day of work to travel to the city to buy grain. To respond to the problem of food security in the region, the community members want to start a grain bank and have asked Tandana to help. With your help, we can provide materials, such as tin and cement, that they need to build a storehouse and a skilled mason to lead the technical aspects, such as putting on the roof. The community members will provide stone, sand, and mud, as well as the labor needed for the construction. We will stock the bank the first year with a large stock of millet and a smaller stock of rice. The community will choose a committee to manage the bank. The committee will sell the grain throughout the year at a constant price, much less than the sky-high levels the market price reaches during the rainy season. Proceeds from each year's sales will be used to purchase more grain immediately after the next harvest at the annual low price. Thus, a revolving stock of grain will be available for purchase in the village at an affordable price. As families run out of food, they will be able to buy it little by little and feed their children.

Information about the village of Dologou:

The village of Dologou is located 35 km from Bandiagara and 12 km from Kani-Gogouna, the township seat of Wadouba Township. Dologou is surrounded by five villages, to the east by the village of Bisongo, to the west by the village of Moe Do, to the south by the villages of Kediely and Gondo and to the north by the village of Domo. The village of Dologou has a population of 800 inhabitants including 573 women and 227 men.

During the dry season, young men carry out multiple activities in work groups, such as breaking stones and transporting mud for plastering, in addition to market gardening. Women also participate in market gardening, small commerce, and cotton spinning.

Comments from residents of Dologou about the need for a grain bank:

Allaye Andjanba Kassogu : I am a former mayor, second deputy mayor. I will tell you what prompted us to apply to the Tandana Foundation. Fourteen villages surround the village of Dologou.

Often, for years, the harvest has been bad, it does not rain much and none of these villages has a grain bank. That is why I spoke with Mr. Tembin  about the problem we have in our village. Mr. Tembin  explained to me that I had to make a request signed by the village chief and by the mayor.

Our village is far from any big market, 35 km from Bandiagara and 12 km from Kani, the township seat. It is difficult to go to Bandiagara or Kani when the rainy season is in full swing just to buy one or two bags of millet. We thank Mr. Tembin  for accepting our request to come and explain the principles and requirements for collaborating with the Tandana Foundation. We have understood them and we are ready to respect them.

An adage tells us: the strength of the fish is in the water. That is, our strength is weak to carry out this project and the people count on the complementary strength of the Tandana Foundation for our request.

Binema Kassogu : I am the representative of the village chief; we have a lot of difficulty buying millet, often it does not rain and we are forced to buy millet outside of the village, because our harvest is not good. To get the millet you have to go to Bandiagara or Kani. In view of these difficulties, we submitted the application to the Tandana Foundation. Our message must be passed on to the Tandana officials and partners. The village of Dologou is surrounded by the villages of K doulou, Gondo, Dono and Moe. None of these villages has a grain bank.

What the village can do is have our young people work breaking stones and building the grain bank, but we do not have skilled masons to work with tin roofing for the bank and no means of buying cement and tin sheets.

Doukormo Kassogu : I am the youth representative of Dologou. We, the young people, what we could do is break the stones, transport the mud and help the mason, if we had the financing. It is very difficult to have millet during the rainy season in our village or in the neighboring villages: Bisongo, Gondo, K doulou and Moe, except in Bandiagara. Often you leave your work to get millet in Bandiagara, but you can't get it. Often we go on a motorcycle and can only bring one bag at a time, and others do not have the means to go to Bandiagara.

Yadouro Kassogu : I am from Dologou. We have great difficulties buying millet. Instead of going to Bandiagara to buy millet, if we had a grain bank in the village, our children and we, the women, would no longer be hungry for millet. Please pass on our needs to The Tandana Foundation.