

Summary of Status of Global History Project, August 15, 2005

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Introductory Section

Beginnings (Anabaptism, Russian renewal movement)

Abe will check John B. Toews's manuscript to see whether it has potential and send it to others.

Africa

Congo

Peter has contacted Nzash Lameya and Tshimika Pakisa who are willing to work on the project. Details to be worked out.

Angola (6 churches)

Namibia

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(?) Paul

Asia

India:

Bruce contacted Gordon Nikkel and he named I.P. Asheervadam, P. Menno Joel, and Emmanuel as possibilities.

Paul will take further initiatives.

China: No action

? *inhabitants*

Ed. Schuyt + Asteraden

Japan: Abe had contacted Yoshifumi Tanaka, but received no response. Bob Ens was consulted by Peter and he recommended Junichi Fujino.

Peter Klassen contacted Junichi Fujino, the moderator of the Japan Conference. The conference leaders will discuss the issue at the Sept. meeting and expect to write an overview history in Japanese to be translated into English. They have asked us to send them guidelines.

South America

Brazil:

Paul is seeking to contact Mark Baker and Art Dueck

Art Dueck

Ray Hamrick
Call Paul

Paraguay:

Abe contacted Victor Wall to write and/or provide suggestions. Victor indicated that he would be willing to help, but recommended Alfred Neufeld (Missiology and History-Switzerland), and Flavio Florentin (doctorate in History-Paraguay) to write and Victor would review/suggest revisions as necessary.

Contact: iba@rieder.net.py

Action to be taken

Uruguay:

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Rohlf?

Wann
PLD

Oliver
10/10/05

Peru: Roland Neyra Aleman

Abe contacted Gerald and Shirley Falk who recommended Roland Neyra, MB Conf. president, who wrote a grad thesis (Asuncion) on the MB Church in Peru.

The other resource individual who was working for MWC on their project is Jaime Prieto from Costa Rica.

No action has been taken

Columbia:

Bruce contacted Trevor and Joan Goddard

(Cesar Pinilla responded and suggested Gabriel Mosquera).

Hugo Zorrilla wrote a chapter on Columbia, Panama, and Mexico for our earlier projected volume and Peter contacted him re his willingness to write on Panama. Hugo declined, but indicated his willingness to write on Columbia, his native country if we would pay him to come to Fresno to do research.

Action needed.

Central America

Panama:

Peter contacted **Hugo Zorrilla**, who felt he could not write on Panama but would be willing to write on Columbia, his native country (see above).

Europe (Germany, Austria, Portugal, Spain)

Suggested Contacts: Alexander Neufeld, Heinrich Klassen, John Klassen, Franz Ratmaier, Flavio Forentin
Received recommendation of Alexander Neufeld and Flavio Florentin from "mbverein [Hugo B. Friesen]
BTG recommendation: Heinrich Klassen

Abe contacted Heinrich Klassen (BTG) and Alexander Neufeld (Verein Taufgesinnter Gemeinden)
Need clarification re Austria, Portugal and Spain.

Russia and former USSR (Kazakhstan, Ukraine)

Action required.

North America

Mexico

Earlier paper by Hugo might be updated?

USA

Peter contacted Valerie Rempel who agreed to be one of the writers. Other possible contributors are: Kevin Enns-Rempel and Peggy Goertzen

Canada

Bruce and Abe agreed to collaborate.

Other Issues

1. Length of each regional submission is to be approximately 15 pp.
2. **Bruce** prepared a set of questions to help each of the contributors.
3. Committee structure

It was agreed that we continue to operate on the present basis for now. **Paul** is willing to take the major responsibility in bringing the various pieces together into a unified document. Abe will continue to coordinate the project as much as possible. All of us will assume editorial and other responsibilities as determined from time to time and draw in others as necessary. The committee assumes responsibility for the task irrespective of changes in Historical Commission membership and staffing.

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John Klassen (Goertzen)

Paul Baker

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4. **Paul** is willing to attend the ICOMB meeting July 2006.

5. Time-line: We will try to have the major assignments in place by the end of 2005 and some materials to be reviewed by ICOMB members at their meeting in 2006. The ad hoc editorial committee will determine the time and place of its next meeting as progress determines.

6. It was agreed that stipends would be offered to writers where appropriate.

7. Need to review earlier submitted manuscripts (Russian Beginnings-JBT; Mexico, Columbia, Panama-HZ; [perhaps also Europe and Paraguay] re usefulness). AD

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