

MINUTE OF A MEETING OF THE PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MISSION STUDIES held at Klooster Alverna, Netherlands 20-21 November 1970.

In the Chair: Professor H.W. Gensichen.

Present: Professor A. Camps O.F.M., Professor O.G. Myklebust, Dr. S.J. Samartha, Mr. A.F. Walls.

1. Circular Letter

A letter (as attached to the principal copy of this Minute) was approved for dispatch to potential members, with a copy of the minutes of the Oslo foundation meeting. Agreed

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(a) that recipients should include those invited to the Oslo meeting who were unable to attend, all members of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Missionswissenschaft, institutions in the Directory of the T.E.F., and Roman Catholic Pastoral Institutes;

(b) that the offer of Professor Couturier to make the services of the Centre de Recherche Théologique Missionnaire available to the Association within francophone areas be gratefully accepted;

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(c) that Professor Couturier be approached concerning possible members in France, and Professor Gerald Anderson concerning possible members in U.S.A.;

(d) that no attempt be made at present to ^{Secure} ~~join~~ large-scale adherence from mission board executives;

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(e) that the Secretary in due course send a list of those invited to each member of the provisional committee who would make additional suggestions;

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(f) that those present at Oslo be informed of the dispatch of the letter, with the request for their formal registration and subscription.

2. Constitution

A draft constitution (attached to the principal copy of this Minute) was agreed for submission to the General Meeting.

Agreed that bye-laws might be developed separately as required.

3. Journal

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Agreed (a) That Professor Nyklebust be the association's editor.

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(b) That the Provisional Committee constitute an interim editorial board.

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(c) That Mr. Walls approach Messrs. E.J.Brill of Leiden with a view to their undertaking publication.

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(d) That approaches be made to Evang. Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Weltmission and the S.C. de Propaganda Fide concerning financial support should this be necessary.

(e) That relationships with existing journals be kept in mind.

4. Bibliography and Associated Activities

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Agreed (a) To establish a working party (Mr. Walls acting as convener) to consider the suggestions made by the group on bibliography and documentation at the Oslo meeting, and to report at the next conference. Members suggested for the working party included Professors Anderson, Hopewell, Margull, Metzler, Moritzen, Prosper and Turner, Abbe Bruls and Mr. Hansen.

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(b) That Professor Metzler be specifically invited to the next Conference, and that explorations be made whether Bibliografia Missionaria might eventually be associated in a co-operative activity covering the whole field of literature on mission studies.

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(c) That a Directory of Mission Studies be compiled, based on a questionnaire and including information on non-member institutions, and a membership list as informative as those prepared for the Birmingham and Oslo conferences.

5. Financial Matters

(a) Professor Myklebust submitted an audited statement (attached to the principal copy of this Minute) of the finances of the Oslo meeting, and indicated that the sum of Kr.10,021.78 stood to the account of the Association through the generosity of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Missionswissenschaft. Agreed that the Secretary express the Association's thanks to the Society, and that the Chairman send letters of thanks to other agencies (Egede Institute, S.C. de Propaganda Fide, Evang. Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Weltmission) which had assisted the Oslo meeting.

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(b) Agreed that, pending the decision of the General Meeting of the Association, the subscription for individual members be three dollars U.S., DM10, £1.25 sterling, or the equivalent in other currencies.

(c) Agreed that, in view of the disparity in the nature and size of the corporate members expected, the subscription for corporate membership be left to the institution concerned.

6. Next Conference

Agreed (i) To meet, at a place to be determined by the Netherlands members from Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd June 1972.*

(ii) That the theme of the meeting be "Mission in the context of religions and secularization".

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(Waldenfels)

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(Reyburn,
Ayandele)

(iii) That Dr. W.D. Reyburn, Dr. H. Waldenfels and Professor S.A. Ayandele be invited to present papers at the main sessions.

(iv) That provision also be made for short communications, reports on instrumenta studiorum and a General Meeting of the Association.

7. Vote of thanks

The meeting recorded its thanks to Professor Camps for the arrangements made for the comfort and effective working of the Committee; to the Rev. the Superior of Kloster Alverna for the kind hospitality of the house; and to the Chairman for his conduct of the meeting.

A.P.W.

***APOLOGETIC NOTE BY A.F.W.**

This is the date in my notes of the discussion: and 19-22 June 1972 is a Monday to Thursday. But surely it was our intention to meet in August. If the Semaine de Missiologie at Namur is indeed from 23 to 27 August, then the preceding period - 19 to 22 August - would include a week-end, and mean assembling on a Saturday - do we intend this? The period after the Semaine (say 28-31 August) conflicts with SNTS (which may affect several members, especially as the Americans are subsidizing transport), which in 1972 meets in Claremont, California and is followed by an International Conference of Learned Societies in the Field of Religion in the same place. Otherwise, does it mean we meet 14-17 or 15-18 August, and lose easy liaison with Namur?