



NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE C&MA

Hello missions point persons!

We have lots to celebrate! Local Alliance churches, just like yours, in the North Central District will be sending out more new IWs in 2023! In fact, the entire US Alliance is sending out more than 50 new missionaries this year! If you'll be attending Council, you will share in a momentous commissioning service for these new workers. Two of our newly "sent ones" - Faith & Heidi - will be deployed this fall. Another couple, Chris & Rachel, will go out in early 2024. Chris & Rachel will be going to Creative Access Countries. Faith, is going to Central America. I'll let her tell you in her own words in this video! *Would you consider having Heidi, Chris & Rachel, or Faith speak at your church?*

Thank you for completing the 2023 Missions Event survey emailed to all the NCD churches, lead pastors and missions leaders in March. Forty-nine churches (of 91) responded to the survey. Nine of you requested my involvement in scheduling an IW for this year's missions speakers, whom I will be prioritizing. This year we have a very limited number of IWs available to minister in our churches, with only one couple here for the entire year (the others are here for a few weeks to 4 months). More details on this will be forthcoming by the end of May.

Many of you asked where you could get **information on our NCD IWs**. There is always an updated PDF list on the NCD portal, accessible to all licensed workers at this link. *It is confidential* in that it has Creative Access Country (CAC) workers listed. A list is also published annually with the District & Prayer Conference report. *Please do not circulate this list — do not publish it* on the internet (church website, etc), social media platforms (FB, Twitter, etc), or anywhere else.

Which district IW or TCK will you email this week?

You are your church's designated "Missions Leader", as such, you have access to a specific page on the Alliance website. Most likely, your local church designated you as their "missions leader" on their recent annual report. This gives you access to the aforementioned webpage. You'll also be receiving information on any IW who is officially scheduled to speak at your church, along with a survey once your annual missions event has taken place. Members of my NCD Missions Team — Janet Emerson, Karna Cowles, Jen Hoeft and Alicia Thoj — are communicating with missions leaders in different prayer areas. They are knowledgeable, engaged in their own churches & communities, and also serve as your contact people.

I encourage you to pray for them, get to know them and interact with their emails.

There's more to celebrate! Many of our churches are utilizing the monthly Prayer Update. Thank you for interceding on their behalf, for encouraging them through corporate and individual prayer, and for communicating directly with them! You're supporting Alliance missions financially, as well. District churches gave nearly \$2,250,000 to Alliance missions, a combined total of more than \$3M (when adding individuals & non-CMA churches). While our goal is to have every CMA church in our district participate financially, about a dozen do not. Overall, the Alliance encourages church leaders to inform and lead their congregations to give 10% of their overall income to the GCF. Remember, the GCF (Great Commission Fund) includes all 4 structures — aXcess, CAMA, Envision & Marketplace Ministries — and includes the "Missionary that I love" (designated) funds which IWs raise.

Please thank your congregation for their support — in every way — of our IWs!

From my childhood in an Alliance church, through my days studying missiology at Crown College & Columbia Seminary, through my years of ministry in local Wisconsin churches, in Brazil and in 2 CMA districts, mission has been a lens through which I see the local church & my community. Thank you for allowing me to keep you informed, encourage your engagement and celebrate our advances!