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VFMA Welcomes Newly Elected Leaders

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Donald D. Hanscom, Sr.—Chairman

In the midst of revival, and upon completion of a new church building, Don and Sandra Hanscom left a pastorate in Ontario, and took their three small children to the land of their calling: Pakistan - preaching crusades, baptizing and praying thousands through to the Holy Ghost. He served as General Superintendent in Pakistan as well as principal of the Bible School for a number of years, and also served as General Superintendent in the nation of Sri Lanka for 12 years. The Hanscoms also resided in Hong Kong for 2 years, working among the Chinese, Filipinos and reaching into China, while continuing to superintend the church in Pakistan and Sri Lanka. It was also during this time that Brother Hanscom evangelized into several countries in Asia. After 18 years of missionary service to the United Pentecostal Church he returned to pastor in Kingston, Ontario Canada. For the past 13 years, he has served as the Director of Multicultural Ministries for the Home Mission Division. Working with the diverse peoples of North America is not unlike the work he did on the mission field: organizing and establishing many new ministries within the North American church to evangelize within different culture and language communities which is bringing great results for the kingdom of God. Brother and Sister Hanscom have two daughters, both married to pastors; one son who pastors in New Jersey, and eight wonderful grandchildren.

Dorsey L Burk - Vice-Chairman

Dorsey's career in missions began in 1973 when he and his wife went to Jamaica as short-term missionaries to teach in the Bible school. In 1975, he became FMD's finance secretary. Three years later he and his wife were appointed as missionaries to Germany. Dorsey has been an executive assistant in Foreign Missions Division since 1982. While a member of the Promotion Team, he wrote, edited, and designed publications such as the quarterly *OnSite* magazine; the biennial *Insight*, a directory to the missionaries; the monthly *Focal Points*; and other promotional material. He has also compiled and edited three books for missionary stories: *How Do You Tell a Hungry Soul She Can't Have a Bible?* *Where Angels Dwell*, and *Anchored by the Call*. Having transferred to the Resource Team in March 2008, Dorsey is revising Foreign Mission Division's tracts and training materials and developing new material for the Global Association of Theological Studies program. Dorsey also serves as the Division's prayer coordinator and liaison with the World Network of Prayer. He and his wife attend New Life Center in Bridgeton, Missouri. He is the assistant to the pastor for Senior Ministries and she coordinates the Hospital Care Team.





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VFMA Executive Committee

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Harold Linder FMB Member

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Important Notice

VFMA Retreat

April 27 – 30, 2010
Trout Lodge in
Potosi, Missouri

3 full nights!

Make your vacation
plans – now!

Please keep us informed of
your address - email changes.
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At the request of VFMA membership, and with special thanks to Brother Howell and FMD, the retreat has been extended from 2 days to 3 days. Therefore in our last retreat (2008), the VFMA Committee reserved rooms for all attendees for 3 nights. However, several missionaries did not stay for the 3rd night. The VFMA had to pay for several rooms that was not occupied on the 3rd night. In an informal meeting on the final day of the retreat, the missionaries presented several suggestions of how to save the VFMA expense on these unoccupied rooms. One of their suggestions was the one adopted by the VFMA Executive Committee, described in the following paragraph.

In the interest of good stewardship of VFMA funds, and due to the fact that a contract with Trout Lodge has to be signed for the upcoming retreat by the end of February, and a room-list submitted, the VFMA Executive Committee has decided that a check in the amount of \$100.00 (per family, and will be refunded) must be sent in to the VFMA Secretary by ALL who plan to stay the 3rd night. This check will be returned to you after you arrive at the retreat, and if in fact you stay the full 3 days.

*If your check does not arrive by **February 25th**, we will take for granted that you plan to stay for 2 nights only, and will reserve your room accordingly. If you should decide to stay the 3rd night after you arrive, you are not guaranteed a room for the 3rd night. Please send check for \$100.00 to Rev. George Szabolcsi, VFMA Secretary, 1648 La Salle Street, Belleville, IL 62221-4983. **If you are planning to attend the VFMA Retreat, and have not yet advised Brother Szabolcsi, please do so right away so that he will be sure to get your name on the room-list we submit to Trout Lodge.** His email address is: szabolcsi@sbcglobal.net, and his telephone number is 618-210-0428.. If you have any question concerning this, please feel free to call me. 314-497-9803. Don Hanscom, Chairman, VFMA*