

Expanding Our Mission Support

As reported in a previous Messenger, we are soon going to covenant with **Dr. Krista Givens** who is a pastor in Hamburg, Germany. When we covenant with a missionary, we pledge to sponsor them with a dollar amount (in this case \$2,500) for a year (or more). This way, the church will be able to anticipate the income for a particular missionary. You can check out her missionary biography on-line.

She is from Southern California, so our hope is that we will be able to see her from time to time. Her biography includes: "Growing up outside of mainstream religion, Krista longed to find a spiritual location, a place to find God, community and herself. After searching various Christian denominations and other faith traditions, she joined the Claremont United Methodist Church community in 1992. Amid a congregation of current and former professors, retired pastors and business professionals, Dr. Givens was influenced by former missionaries in the congregation.



"Each of us has a role to play in God's work and my place is with the children of the world. When I was called into ministry in 1998, I understood that call to be one to "hands-on" ministry – a ministry in which I would need to risk my self for the sake of the gospel,"

says Dr. Givens." If you would like to participate in choosing the missions of the church, this work is done by the Missions Committee. The committee meets on the second Thursday of the month in Room 2 at 6:00pm. When you hear of a project that you would like our church to support, this is the meeting you need to go to and tell us about it. Who knows, maybe the next mission emphasis will be about your project!