

## **Two new board members join The Mission Society**

(Norcross/Atlanta, GA – March 30, 2010) – Two new members were recently added to The Mission Society’s board of directors. The Rev. Nicole Sims and Mrs. Jan Gilbert will join the other 17 board members for the next bi-annual meeting in May.

President Dick McClain commented about the new board members by saying, “The adoption of a new vision statement last February and the new mission statement to be adopted at the May meeting reflect The Mission Society’s unwavering commitment to serving the Body of Christ globally, and to helping the people of God take the Good News to those who have had little or no opportunity to embrace it for themselves. Rev. Sims and Mrs. Gilbert have shown a passion for the same mission and vision that The Mission Society embraces, and will be great additions to our leadership team.”

The Rev. Nicole Sims was elected to the board of directors to serve as a Missionary Participant. Sims is an ordained United Methodist Elder and spent several years in pastoral ministry, during which she helped mobilize local churches for mission in the North Georgia Annual Conference. Sims graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. She and her husband, Kirk, also an ordained Elder, spent four years in Ghana training pastors and equipping the Ghanaian church for mission within Ghana and beyond. She is now developing church mobilization opportunities for churches in the United Kingdom. Nicole and Kirk have two sons, Aiden and Eli.

Mrs. Jan Gilbert was first called to mission ministry at a Mission Society event in 2000. Since then, she has served as a mission mobilizer, both on staff and as a lay leader in two local churches - Grace United Methodist Church in Cape Coral, Florida, and St. John’s United Methodist Church in Aiken, South Carolina. Her international mission experiences have led her to India and Ghana. Gilbert’s current ministry focus is sharing the gospel with those less fortunate in her local community.

Founded in 1984 in the Wesleyan tradition, The Mission Society recruits, trains, and sends Christian missionaries to minister around the world. At present, The Mission Society has more than 200 missionaries in 37 countries. The Mission Society develops diverse programs and ministries in accordance with its missionaries’ unique callings and gifts, ranging from well-drilling and the arts to more traditional ministries such as teaching English and church planting. Its church ministry department provides seminars, workshops, and mentoring for congregations in the United States and overseas, helping equip churches for strategic outreach in their own communities and throughout the world. For more information on The Mission Society, call 1.800.478.8963 or visit [www.themissionsociety.org](http://www.themissionsociety.org).



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