



Friends of IMCK 2024 Annual Report

2024 proved to be an exciting and productive year for the Friends of IMCK:

- We held our first in-person board retreat in July at Montreat, North Carolina.
- A presentation about IMCK was given during the Congo Mission Network conference.
- Our endowment fund grew and hit the \$2M mark, halfway to our goal of \$4M.
- Our board membership has grown and new members were installed.

With appreciation and regret, we said goodbye to two of our board members whose terms were completed.



Marysue Makin

Dr. Marysue Makin has provided valuable insights for the board thanks to her work experience at IMCK and her ongoing involvement with the Daeyang Luke Hospital in Malawi. Spending much of her year in Malawi, Sue went the extra mile to attend the board Zoom meetings in the early morning hours in Malawi! She has served the board well as Secretary for the last two years and has been a member of the Marketing and Communications Committee.



Jan Irish

Jan Irish has been the Treasurer of the FIMCK board for the last four years and has accomplished much in this capacity. She has established an excellent working relationship with her counterpart at the Medical Benevolence Foundation, our fiscal sponsor. Jan provided monthly financial reports for board review and served as chair of the Finance Committee which evaluates endowment fund investments and determines annual distributions of the fund to IMCK each year.

As much as we regret losing these two board members, we are thrilled with three new members who joined the board in 2024: Ruth Reinhold, Hope Farrior and Susan Girois. Each of them have strong personal ties to IMCK and bring a real passion in support of the institute and the Democratic Republic of Congo in general.

Ruth Reinhold was born and raised in Lubondai, the original site of IMCK, which explains her deep attachment to the Congolese people and the work of several Congo-related organizations she is involved with. Her career spans the gamut of chaplaincy, interim pastorship, health positions, and real estate. She has also supported mission efforts in various countries including Jamaica, Israel, Egypt and Turkey. Ruth will be supporting our Fund Development and Marketing/Communications committees.



Ruth Reinhold

Hope Farrior also spent her early years, through 8th grade, in Zaire. The daughter of Dr. Hugh and Ellen Farrior, her medical exposure at a young age influenced her decision to become a certified nurse-midwife. She has supported nutritional health activities in Congo and spent a good portion of her career in women's healthcare at Walter Reed Hospital. She has a passion for global health initiatives and has worked with several related organization such as NIH, WHO and USAID. Hope will be involved with our Marketing/Communications and Nominating committees.



Dr. Susan Girois has a real depth of experience in international health programs. The daughter of Drs. Dick and Judith Brown, Presbyterian missionaries in Congo, Susan has been involved with public health programs in Pennsylvania, Virginia, France, and Congo. She has made several recent trips to IMCK/Tshikaji and writes, "I was struck not only by the commitment of the staff but by the dire need for financial and technical support." Susan is currently serving as the Director of Norfolk County Health Department. She will be supporting our Finance and Nominating Committees.



Board Events

In spring 2024, board members Bob and Jan Irish had the opportunity to manage the Methodist-Presbyterian Guesthouse in Kinshasa. Though not directly connected to IMCK, it did provide the Irishes with some occasions to meet with IMCK board members and staff personnel. These meetings provided a clearer picture of the challenges faced by IMCK and the positive impact being made by the Friends of IMCK.

At our August in-person board retreat, we reviewed our mission and held discussions focused on fundraising strategies and ways to improve communication with our donors. We developed several goals that are being actively pursued. As a bonus, Dr. Jean-Jacques Mulalu, the IMCK Director, joined us via Zoom from Tshikaji to share his appreciation of our work and the support provided by our organization.

Our fall/winter fundraising push featured the founders of IMCK, Dr. William and Effie Rule and Dr. John and Aurie Miller. Planting the seeds for IMCK in 1954, the Rules and Millers would be pleased to see how this idea has blossomed into the IMCK of today. Inspired by their commitment to the health care of our Congolese friends, our donors helped us meet our annual fundraising goal of \$170,000.

Other significant events of 2024 for the Friends of IMCK included:

- Expanding our social media presence to include Instagram and LinkedIn
- Achieving the goal of 325 followers on the Friends of IMCK Facebook page
- Publishing 14 newsletters to reach our support base now totaling 900 people
- Authorizing an advance disbursement from the IMCK Endowment Fund to enable the purchase of a much-needed ambulance for the Good Shepherd Hospital.

IMCK Updates

Dr. Jean-Jacques Mulalu completed his term as Director of IMCK in October. The new IMCK Director is Dr. Joseph Luboya who was previously the director of ISTM, the university-level nursing school in Tshikaji.

The needs of IMCK remain daunting and the financial support from the IMCK Endowment disbursements are a big help in providing salary support and medical supplies. With each disbursement from the endowment, IMCK provides us with a statement indicating how the funds were used.

The hydroelectric facility is in need of renovation. Replacement of the transmission line and some of the generating equipment in the powerhouse is being evaluated and funding sources are being sought.

Financial Report

The Friends of IMCK was established in 2011 with the primary purposes of building an endowment fund and raising awareness of the activities at IMCK in Tshikaji in Kananga. The board has worked diligently to accomplish our mission and, as you can read in the financial summary below, we've had a successful year.

Endowment funds are invested in several mutual funds that are characterized as moderate risk growth funds. Thanks to a favorable market and strong donations from our faithful supporters, the IMCK Endowment Fund saw a 23% increase in value in 2024.

Fund disbursements have supported the purchase of medical supplies/equipment and assisted in salary payments to IMCK staff. To date, we have provided \$322,760 to IMCK and our goal for the endowment fund is to reach a principal amount of \$4,000,000.

IMCK ENDOWMENT FUND		
BEGINNING BALANCE (1/1/2024)		\$1,695,226.26
INCOME		
Donations	\$173,906.33	
Interest/Dividends	\$37,417.26	
Unrealized Gain	\$271,656.18	
Total Income		\$482,979.77
EXPENSES		
Disbursements to IMCK	\$74,399.74	
MBF Fees*	\$7,439.47	
Total Expenses		\$81,839.21
ENDING BALANCE (12/31/2024)		\$2,096,366.82

*The Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) is the fiscal sponsor for the Friends of IMCK and has been very helpful in helping FIMCK manage the endowment funds.

Legacy Circle Members

The Legacy Circle is a special group of donors who have generously included IMCK as a beneficiary in their estate planning. This is a wonderful gift and legacy statement, and we are thrilled that these people have committed their resources to IMCK. These Legacy Circle members include:

Dr. Marysue Makin
Jimmy and Jan Shafe
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Dr. Steve and Charlotte White
Drs. Merle Miller and Alex Masanka
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Rev. William and Sheri Pender

(If you'd like to learn more about making a legacy gift to IMCK, please [click here](#).)

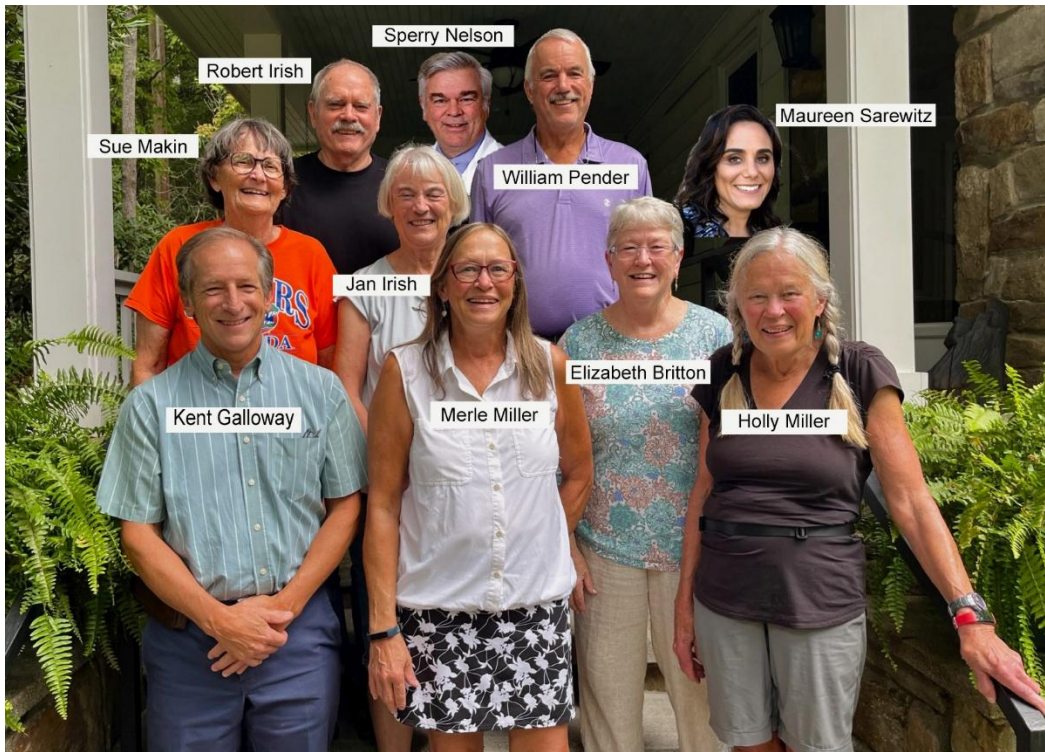
Thank You

The board of the Friends of IMCK extends a hearty "thank you" to those of you who have supported IMCK with your donations and prayers. Without you, the Friends of IMCK doesn't exist. We look forward to a successful 2025 and solicit your prayers and best wishes as we strive to improve, and save, the lives of many of our brothers and sisters in the Democratic Republic of Congo. God is at work there and we are doing our best to support His mission.

Robert Irish
Kent Galloway
Janet Irish
Dr. Marysue Makin

Elizabeth Britton, NP
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Rev. William Pender
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Maureen Sarewitz



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In 2024, we were pleased to have 113 donors from 26 states and 3 countries. Thanks to all of you for your donations.

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