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and Latin America to secure low interest microcredit loans through Oikocredit. Terry serves as executive director of this world-wide, non-profit organization founded by World Council of Churches. Oikocredit provides credit and equity to individuals and small businesses through microfinance institutions across the developing world and directly to trade cooperatives, fair trade organizations, and small-to-medium sized enterprises. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, Terry served a congregation in Pittsburgh before administering an international program in the UCC national office. He has also worked for the National Council of Churches and the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers). Terry has traveled extensively throughout the world visiting more than 100 countries for peace, economic justice, disarmament, and racial equality. He earned his degrees from University of Salzburg, Austria (B.A.), Pittsburgh Seminary (M.Div.), and Pacific School of Religion (M.A. in Christian Social Ethics). He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Maria, and son, Ian.



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20 years before becoming the executive director of The Outreach Foundation. Rob is a graduate of Oral Roberts University (B.A.), Pittsburgh Seminary (M.Div.), and Princeton Theological Seminary (D.Min.). He has served three churches in Indiana and Ohio. Rob now works with The Outreach Foundation, a validated mission support group of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). His ministry takes him across the life of the church and around the world. Rob has served the PC(U.S.A.) in numerous ways, including as a member of the General Assembly Council, Worldwide Ministries Division Committee, Executive Committee, and GAC project team to create the Young Adult Volunteer Program. His mission-focused publications include "A Presbyterian Understanding of Evangelism" in Let Us Reason Together: Christians and Jews in Conversation (Witherspoon Press, 2010). Rob is married to Terry, a middle school nurse, and they have three adult children.

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