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Time to reflect on our future

VOSH/International is the largest global network of volunteer optometrists. It all started in 1972 when Dr. Franklin Harms flew to provide eye care and eyeglasses to people from a Mexican village. Today, VOSH/International has grown into 112 chapters in Canada, the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia.

In these 52 years, we have provided free eye care to hundreds of thousands worldwide. We have also helped start, develop, and strengthen many vision clinics and optometry programs worldwide.

Now and then, we must stop and reflect on our achievements. Most importantly, we should devote time to dream and plan for our future.

We invite our chapters and their members to participate in our meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, in person or via Zoom. The meeting will be on Saturday, June 22nd, in the morning. We will have a strategic planning session during this meeting to discuss our future. We will have break groups to discuss our educational initiatives, as well as our data gathering and clinical research activities. We will also discuss strengthening our equipment and technology program and our global reach work. Lastly, we will discuss how to increase and mobilize our resources.

We want to hear your voices. Please plan to attend and participate. Our future depends on it!

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