

CCMSB Missions Policy

Effective: July 15, 2017

Missions Mandate

As he ascended to heaven, Jesus commissioned his disciples, and through them, the Church throughout this age: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20).

This mandate establishes our purpose, our goal, and our resources. Our purpose is to spread the gospel wherever Christ is not yet known, and to advance his reign wherever Christ is not yet exalted. Our goal is that people hear the gospel, develop a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, become vital members of a reproducing Church, and spread the knowledge of Christ where he is still not known. Our resources include the authority and presence of Christ, the potent gospel message, and empowerment by the Spirit.

The goal of CCMSB missions committee is to help equip and mobilize the church members to fully participate in the work of world evangelization: sending missionaries into mission field; committing financial resources to missionaries and projects; in nurturing a corporate life of prayers; and in upholding our missionary partners in loving relationship, both while in the field and at home.

Missions Priorities

CCMSB missions ministry prioritizes:

- the cultural distance of the recipients from the gospel i.e., the evangelization of unreached people groups, people who have very little opportunity to hear gospel;
- pioneer evangelism and church planting.
- missionaries from CCMSB, our own church

Missions Candidates

Long term ministry is the focus of our mission support.

In evaluating long-term missions candidates, we seek to facilitate the raising up of missionaries from our own midst, the sending of well-equipped workers toward the mission field, the active involvement of our congregation members as partners to our missionaries, and the continued participation of our missionaries in the life of our church CCMSB.

With respect to long-term missions candidates, CCMSB prioritizes:

- personal and spiritual qualifications expected of CCMSB ministry leaders;
- **extended prior involvement in ministry at CCMSB;**
- **continued involvement in ministry at CCMSB commensurate with support level CCMSB;**
- ministry consistent with CCMSB missions priorities.

In addition, CCMSB values:

- preparations appropriate to long-term service, including fluency in the relevant languages;
- theological and missiological preparation
- domestic ministry experience commensurate with anticipated missionary service;
- affiliation with approved agency.

With respect to missions agencies, CCMSB requires organizations characterized by:

- a statement of faith compatible with that of CCMSB;
- spiritual accountability and oversight;
- financial accountability
- fiscal restraint (especially with respect to organizational overheads and standard of living);
- a culture that encourages long-term service, language learning where appropriate, and goals of indigenous leadership, finance, and ministry.

Missions Fund

CCMSB missions ministry is supported by designated missions contributions and gifts from church members and outside. Mission Committee administer the fund under this mission policy.

Budget Allocation

In line with missions priority specified in this policy, long-term ministry is also the focus of support from Mission Fund. Majority of the fund is expected to support long term missionaries. We also expect substantial needs in supporting short term missions (STM, governed by separate policy) to promote mission awareness. A small portion of Mission fund is also expected to cover the cost mission education and promotion such as mission conference.

Ongoing Support

To make sure long-term ministry is financially supported with a highest priority, the following are a few principles:

- Mission Fund will provide ongoing support to cover 50% of total budget for long term candidates who fulfill all CCMSB priorities;
- Budget for long term ministry should be provided by mission agency;
- **Support is offered mainly to individual missionaries, not to organizations;**
- For those long term missionaries from other church but have been partner with CCMSB, Mission Fund can provide either ongoing support at lower level, or one time gift at yearly base.

One-time Gifts

After missionary candidates have been approved for ongoing support, one-time gifts (maximum \$2,000) may be considered for their pre-field support or other special needs. Other candidates, organizations, or special mission projects which do not meet the above criteria for ongoing support, may be considered for one-time support (maximum \$2,000 yearly). The one-time support is provided only when funds permit.

Missions Committee

Committee members will serve a two-year term, renewable for a maximum of three consecutive terms. After one year off the committee, a member may be re-nominated to the committee. Typically, the committee will be chaired by a lay member of Church Council.

Committee members qualifications include:

- church membership
- agreement with missions policy of CCMSB
- missions experience or formal training
- acceptance of general responsibilities of missions committee member
- acceptance of one specific role on missions committee

Committee member responsibilities include:

- participate in missions committee meetings and other committee activities and responsibilities;
- participate in congregational missions prayer meetings;
- serve as a conduit between CCMSB and a proportionate number of missionaries and agencies;
- administer the annual missions meetings and assist with other missions awareness and training activities;
- keep abreast of missions strategy, theology, trends;
- set direction for CCMSB missions, in consultation with Church Council;
- identify and encourage church members who are potential missionaries;
- participate in short-term mission trips and other missions activities (e.g., visit missionaries);
- fulfill the responsibilities of one office on the committee

Committee offices typically include:

- chairperson
- treasurer
- short-term missions coordinator
- No-voting advisor