



Missionary Support Policy

Purpose

- This document defines our policy of missionary support.
- We define “missionary” as one who labors in a ministry outside of our local church.

Strategy

- Redeemer Church will be either a sending church or a supporting church.
- Sending Church
 - ~ Redeemer Church is the missionary’s home church.
 - ~ The Missions Committee serves as a liaison between church and missionary.
 - ~ We provide counsel, prayer, accountability and financial support.
- Supporting Church
 - ~ Redeemer Church comes alongside a sending church to lend support.
 - ~ The Missions Committee serves as a liaison between church and missionary.
 - ~ We provide a secondary source of prayer, accountability and financial support.

Financial Support

- Direct Support
 - ~ Redeemer Church provides regular financial support.
 - ~ We routinely pray for and communicate with the missionary.
 - ~ We encourage others to financially support the missionary.
- Indirect Support
 - ~ Redeemer Church may provide periodic financial support.
 - ~ We may pray for and communicate with the missionary.
 - ~ We encourage others to pray for and financially support the missionary.



Priorities

- Redeemer Church seeks to support missionaries who directly advance the gospel.
- Our focus will be on the essential ministries of the church, for example:
 - ~ Preaching and teaching of God's Word
 - ~ Church planting
 - ~ Church leadership training
 - ~ Bible translation

Missionary Qualifications

- Sending church relationship
 - ~ Membership in Redeemer Church
 - ~ At least two years as a member of Redeemer Church
 - ~ Significant involvement in the ministries of Redeemer Church
- Supporting church relationship
 - ~ Membership in a like-minded sending church
 - ~ At least two years as a member of a like-minded sending church
 - ~ Significant involvement in the ministries of the sending church
 - ~ Two recommendations from the leadership of the sending church
- Spiritual maturity
 - ~ An intelligent and credible profession of faith
 - ~ Free from scandal or unresolved interpersonal conflicts
 - ~ Tested character of sobriety, self-control, respectability, gentleness
 - ~ Evidence of gifts for ministry
- Doctrinal compatibility
 - ~ Must affirm the inspiration and authority of Scripture
 - ~ Must be in agreement with the Westminster Standards
- Religious training
 - ~ Must demonstrate adequate training/experience in the ministry
 - ~ Teachers must possess a degree or ordination from a Reformed presbytery
 - ~ Ministers must possess a degree and ordination from a Reformed presbytery



Procedure for Gaining Support

- Candidate contacts or is contacted by the Missions Committee.
- The Missions Committee examines the candidate's relationship to the Church.
- The Candidate submits a completed application to the Missions Committee.
- The Missions Committee conducts a review of the candidate's qualifications.
- The Missions Committee makes a recommendation to the Session for support.
- The Session will notify the Missions Committee of decision regarding support.
- The Mission Committee will notify the candidate of Session's decision.
- If approved, the Missions Committee will invite the missionary to address the church.

Review and Control

- Support will begin at the time arranged by the church and the missionary.
- Support will be reviewed annually.
- Monetary gifts over and above monthly support may be provided at Session's discretion.
- The missionary must immediately notify the Missions Committee of:
 - ~ Changes in beliefs or doctrinal positions
 - ~ Changes in family status or significant lifestyle practices
 - ~ Changes in ecclesiastical affiliation or organizational commitment
 - ~ Changes in type of ministry or field of ministry
 - ~ Changes in sense of call or the approbation of the church