FUNDING MISSIONS AT SPC

ANNUAL MISSIONS BUDGET

TOTAL FY27 CHURCH BUDGET: $2,300,000
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- SESSION DIRECTED MISSIONS: $62,233 (Church planting & denominational commitments)
- DEACON DIRECTED MISSIONS: $17,500 (Mercy)
- CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONS: $264,800 (Partners, Education, Hospitality, & Scholarships)
    - LOCAL MISSIONS: $60,000
    - REGIONAL MISSIONS: $38,800
    - GLOBAL MISSIONS: $160,500
      ($49,500 in Africa / $33,000 in the Americas / $36,000 in Asia / $31,400 in Europe)
    - EDUCATION: $1,500
    - HOSPITALITY: $2,000
    - MISSION PROJECT SCHOLARSHIPS: $2,000

MISSIONS FUNDING POLICIES

FUNDING MISSION PARTNERS

Mission Partners are the missionaries, mission organizations, churches, and church plants that SPC's Missions Leadership Teams have elected to support with SPC's spiritual, financial, and/or human resources. There are three sources of funding for these partners:

1. SPC's Annual Budget: Our Session designates a significant portion of its annual budget to our missions program. Most of these funds are disbursed, at the discretion of our Missions Leadership Teams, as direct financial support to our Mission Partners.
2. Unsolicited Designated Congregational Giving: Sometimes Individuals in our congregation freely and generously donate funds to SPC in support of our missions program. Most of these funds are disbursed, at the discretion of our Missions Leadership Teams, as special gifts to our mission partners to help them overcome unforeseen challenges or to take advantage of unforeseen opportunities.
3. Direct Donations from Church Members: Sometimes Individuals in our congregation freely and generously donate funds directly to our mission partners. These direct donations represent a significant source of financial support for all of our mission partners, especially for those who are home-grown. Regarding this kind of donation, we instruct our mission partners to limit their initial solicitation to 1) to people from our congregation with whom they have a personal relationship and 2) to face-to-face appeals for financial support. Letters, texts, emails, social media, etc are permitted for follow-up with supporters, but not initiation with new contacts. We also instruct our mission partners to provide a list of the people from the SPC congregation they are soliciting financial support from to the appropriate Missions Leadership Team. Solicitation of

financial support by our mission partners to Community Groups are permitted, but must be approved and coordinated by SPC's Community Groups pastor.

FUNDING MISSION PROJECTS

SPC encourages and strengthens the work and witness of our mission partners by occasionally providing human resources in the form of mission projects.

1. Global mission projects are funded by donations to SPC's Designated General Mission Fund. The sources of these donations include: 1) personal donations made by participants, 2) donations from extended family and friends (solicited by participants through support letters and emails), and 3) donations made by people in our congregation. We instruct our mission project participants to limit their solicitation of these donations 1) to people from our congregation with whom they have a personal relationship and 2) to personal appeals for financial support (no letter, texts, emails, social media, etc). The senior pastor and mission director make appeals to the congregation in support of these projects.
2. Some regional mission projects are funded out of our annual missions budget. Others are self-funded by the people who participate in them. Still others are funded like global projects.
3. Most local mission projects are funded out of our annual missions budget.

FUNDING MISSION PROJECT SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Mission Leadership Teams set aside funds from its annual budget each year to financially support SPC members who are participating in certain mission projects organized by churches, student ministries, etc beyond SPC in the form of scholarships. These Mission Project Scholarships are:

1. Reserved for SPC members and people who often worship at SPC.
2. Designated for participation in mission projects that are not organized by SPC.
3. Capped at 30% of your project budget with a maximum of $500 per project.

If an applicant's financial needs are higher than 30% of their project budget, their project is longer than 3 months, or they have questions, they should email **Melanie Jones.** Mission Project Scholarship application forms are available **here.**