

Christ Church

Missionary Fund Distribution Guidelines

July 1, 2026

Christ Church makes charitable contributions to various community and faith-based non-profit organizations. It may provide partial financial support for short- and long-term missionaries through a budgeted line item for mission assistance. Recommendations for the annual Missionary Fund distribution are managed by the Pastor of Ministries, who supports intermittent requests for missionary support and makes distribution recommendations to a team that approves such requests.

1. Christ Church encourages its students and children to participate in mission trips, camping trips, and worship conferences, allowing them to fully experience the opportunities available in Student Ministry and Children's Ministry. Similarly, we encourage adults with a heart for missions to seize opportunities to follow where God leads.

Christ Church may provide financial assistance to applicants pursuing short-term or long-term mission trips if they have financial need. The following guidelines apply:

- Approved assistance will be provided as partial funding only. The applicant is responsible for raising most of the funds required for their trip.
- The applicant will be required to submit a Request for Missionary Support that identifies the event or mission trip and describes their financial need.
- Requests must be submitted at least 14 days before the event or mission departure date.

Mission Assistance is provided to those who regularly attend Christ Church.

Short-Term Missions.

- Children's summer camps or field trips; all applications should be submitted to Amanda Cates, Director of Family Ministry, who will forward recommended applications:
 - 25% of cost; maximum of \$250 per applicant;
 - Maximum of once per year
- Student (teens) mission trips or conferences, such as Dare2Share; all applications should be submitted to Amanda Cates, Director of Family Ministry, who will forward recommended applications:

- 25% of cost; maximum of \$250 per applicant
- Maximum of once per year
- Adult mission trips:
 - Maximum of \$500 per applicant
 - Maximum of once per year
- Funding may also be provided for adult missionaries seeking support in leading less than 90-day evangelism efforts at the discretion of the Missions Review Board. These guidelines apply:
 - Maximum of \$500 per applicant
 - Maximum of once per year
 - Individuals sponsored and approved by a 501 (c) (3) organization; there will be a maximum of 5 per year. **The head of the ministry will recommend which requests for assistance to approve. It is preferred that the payment be made to the ministry.**

Final approval of all Mission Assistance applications rests with the Missionary Review Board members: Rev. Ashley Cooper, Executive Pastor, Scott Martin, Director of Operations, Pastor Larry Weber, Pastor of Ministries, and Samantha DeHart Strom, **Director of Finance and Personnel.**

Long-Term Missions.

- Adult missionaries seeking support for 90-day to 12-month mission commitments.
 - Maximum of \$1,000 per applicant
 - Maximum of once per calendar year

Applicants should submit completed financial assistance requests to Pastor Larry Weber at larryweber@mychristchurch.com. The form is available on the www.mychristchurch.com website at the bottom of the page under Church Forms. **Assistance provided to Christ Church staff is considered income for tax purposes.**

2. Mission Needs that Support the STL Metro East Community and Partnering Ministries.

At the discretion and consensus of the Missions Review Board, Missions funds may be allocated to the Serving Christ ministry budget. These distributions are typically done quarterly, but emergent needs may also be met intermittently throughout the year.