

Family of Christ

2011 Mission Support Application Form

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The mission statement for Family of Christ is: “As a family of Christ we live to love, learn and lead at home, at church and throughout the world.” Supporting mission organizations and their mission activity is one avenue through which Family of Christ strives to achieve its mission. Therefore, the mission philosophy of Family of Christ is to be in partnership with mission opportunities we believe are consistent with this mission. To that end, we invite you to review and complete the following if you wish for Family of Christ to consider you as one of our supporting missions.

Procedures

- 1) A representative from the mission organization interested in receiving funding from Family of Christ must complete this form and submit it to the Family of Christ Mission Committee by April 1st.
- 2) Previous recipients of mission support from Family of Christ must submit a new application each year. There are no multi-year commitments given by the Family of Christ Mission Committee.
- 3) The Family of Christ Mission Committee will meet after April 1st to determine which requests will be funded. The individuals or organizations selected will include a variety of local, national, and international mission ministries.
- 4) If necessary, the Mission Committee will contact the organization for further information.
- 5) The Mission Committee will make their recommendations to the Senior Leadership Council of the church for final approval before any commitments are finalized.
- 6) Family of Christ operates on a financial ministry cycle of July 1 – June 30.

Emphases

- 1) In general, Family of Christ’s mission interest is as wide as the Great Commission. However, the Holy Spirit is currently leading our church to focus on:
 - a) Training/developing people to serve and evangelize the lost.
 - b) Church planting, especially in international contexts among Jews and Muslims.
 - c) Preparing, sending out, and supporting missionaries from our own congregation.
 - d) Preparing, sending out, and supporting missionaries from our own church denomination.
 - e) Scholarships for students attending our denominational universities and seminaries. (If the application is for scholarship support, please contact the Mission Committee before completing – a separate form requesting additional information is required).
- 2) We also expect that through the application process, the Holy Spirit will open Family of Christ’s eyes to new avenues for participating in God’s global mission.

Criteria

The Selection Committee evaluates each request according to the following criteria:

- 1) The mission’s primary focus is evangelism and is effectively reaching the lost.
- 2) The mission is biblically-based and doctrinally sound in accord with the teachings of our Lutheran Church.
- 3) The mission “has its act together” administratively and has a verifiable track record for financial accountability and ministry involvement.
- 4) The mission is financially and fiscally responsible and has a significant level of need.
- 5) The mission presents opportunities for hands-on involvement by Family of Christ members.
- 6) The mission is able to meet the responsibilities listed below.
- 7) The mission MUST have a designated contact/advocate at Family of Christ. The advocate should have some involvement and/or connection with the mission.

Responsibilities if Funded

- 1) Provide timely (at least quarterly) updates/newsletters/prayer letters of the mission work being accomplished which can be shared through Family of Christ’s Mission Wall bulletin board, worship folders, and on-line web e-News. (Please let us know if there are any safety concerns or guidelines regarding public sharing of information on your mission.)
- 2) Each mission will be asked to provide several photographs (digital preferred) and a short, 1 paragraph description to use in our mission roster and PowerPoint presentation to be communicated at our worship services and in other venues. Any other updates, photographs, videos, and/or PowerPoint presentations are welcomed and may be used at various times during the year.
- 3) Provide opportunities and information which gives direction to Family of Christ members to become personally engaged and involved in hands-on ministry in the mission’s endeavors.
- 4) Be present with a table-top display during Family of Christ’s Annual Mission Festival on the designated Sunday in January. If the organization cannot personally be represented with their own staff/personnel, the Family of Christ contact/advocate should staff the display.

Designated Family of Christ Contact/Advocate Information

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

_____ Email _____

Mission Organization Information

Name of Mission _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ Email _____

Name of Mission’s Staff Person serving as contact _____

- 1) Please describe the involvement of Family of Christ (congregation or advocate) with this mission.
- 2) Family of Christ hopes organizations will fulfill the responsibilities listed above. However, Family of Christ also does not want to exclude excellent mission ministries simply because they are not able to meet all the responsibilities. If an organization is not able to fulfill the responsibilities, please explain why. This will be taken into consideration as selections are made.
- 3) Please describe the mission as it relates to each of the criteria stated above.

Please attach any flyer, brochure, photo, etc., which will help inform the Selection Committee about the mission.

Date _____ Signature _____

Electronic copies of this form are available – please email the request.