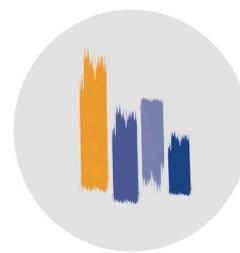


Policy and Procedure

for church family members who feel called to undertake short-term mission activities or projects (local, national or worldwide) and are seeking support to do so.



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In accordance with the part of our Vision that relates to “Living Mission”, the PCC will ensure that Mission is at the heart of all we do as a church. Part of this will be to foster, encourage and develop an environment in which church family members will be inspired and led into mission, with access to a wide range of mission activities.

The role of Mission Action Group (MAG)

MAG will be responsible for promoting, to all members of the church family, opportunities for individuals or groups to participate in mission activity. These opportunities will include, but not be limited to, those run by our Mission Partners. Requests for support for projects and activities runs by other organisation and agencies will receive equal consideration. ‘Mission activity’ will be interpreted as broadly as possible, while remaining consistent with our Purpose Statement and current priorities.

Organisation and oversight of projects and activities

Wherever possible, mission projects should be organised and undertaken under the auspices of a recognised mission agency, which will have appropriate procedures for employment, insurance, health etc. and to whom the missionary will be accountable. Once in the context of their mission field, the missionary will be accountable to the local Bishop, Director or Superintendent of the area of work being undertaken.

Funding available

The PCC has limited financial resources. As a general rule, PCC will not expect to fund more than 50% of the total cost of a project or activity. While wanting to offer the best support to all applicants, prospective missionaries will be expected to explore other possible means of funding; including use of their own funds; personal or corporate sponsorship; grant funding; and fund-raising. As a general rule, no more than one person per month should seek to fund-raise in church for their mission project.

Application

At any stage of the initial consideration, planning or preparation process, the project may be discussed with MAG. This group has considerable experience in mission activity and will be happy to give advice and guidance. It will be helpful if MAG is consulted at an early stage, while the details of the project or activity can still be reshaped, if necessary.

When the final project or activity has been decided, then a formal application for support should be made to MAG on the Mission Application Form. MAG will review the application before reporting to PCC with a recommendation either for refusal or for acceptance and level of support. MAG encourages applications, even where no financial support is required, so that prayer and other appropriate support can be provided.

Encouragement and support

Potential participants in mission activity will be encouraged and supported through:

- Prayer for discernment in the call to mission
 - during the planning and preparation process
 - during the project
 - for safety in travel and in activity
- Advice and guidance during the whole process
- A named church family contact through whom news and points for prayer can be channelled during the mission
- Financial assistance

Reporting back

All participants must be prepared to share their mission experiences on their return - through talks or presentations, for example - to inform the church family, and to enthuse and inspire others to take part in mission.

Other uses of this policy and procedure

This policy and application process may also be used by those wishing to establish formal contacts and links with another church in the UK or overseas; with individuals or groups from other churches (whether children, youth or adults); or with other mission projects in the UK or overseas.

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