

Teaching the Doctrines of Grace --- Growing in the Knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18)

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## MISSIONS POLICY\*



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*Sola Scriptura*  
Scripture Alone

*Solus Christus*  
Christ Alone

*Sola Gratia*  
Grace Alone

*Soli Fide*  
Faith Alone

*Soli Deo Gloria*  
God's Glory Alone

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## I. GENERAL

### A. Vision Statement

Hope Community Bible Church (hereafter Hope CBC) is called by God to be a part of the visible Body of Christ upon the earth. We desire to honor and magnify the name of the Lord God throughout the world and to be faithful to the work He committed to His disciples in the Great Commission (Matt 28:18–20). Christ’s local churches are entrusted with fulfilling this Great Commission. The Spirit led advancement of the Gospel until all God’s elect are gathered from throughout the world is His great purpose (Mark 16:15; John 10:16; Acts 1:8).

### B. Definition of Missions

Hope CBC defines missions as the task of taking the gospel beyond the immediate influence of the sending church in order to evangelize and to instruct in the Word, for the purposes of making disciples of Jesus Christ, and of establishing and strengthening local churches.

### C. Purpose of a Written Policy

This policy statement, as approved by the Board of Elders, has been prayerfully developed in order to guide in the administration of the missions program of Hope CBC.

### D. Scriptural Basis for Missions (all verses cited from *NASB*)

#### God Desires It

1 Timothy 2:1-5 “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

#### Jesus Commanded It

Matthew 28:18-20 “And Jesus came up and spoke to them saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

### Jesus Empowered It

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Matthew 9:37-38 "Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.'"

### God Has Provided the Opportunity

John 4:35b "Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest."

### Jesus Tied Missions to the Second Coming

Matthew 24:14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come."

## **II. CAREER MISSIONARIES**

### A. Prospective Missionaries

1. We strongly support and desire to encourage believers who are seeking the Lord's will in their lives regarding missions as a full-time vocation.
2. In selecting Career Missionaries, Hope CBC is looking for someone who:
  - a. Is a baptized believer with assurance of salvation.
  - b. Is personally interested in missions and is motivated by the Holy Spirit toward missions.
  - c. Is growing spiritually and is above reproach in both character and in ministry.
  - d. Has strong interpersonal skills.
  - e. Is active in Christian service and in the local church's ministries in such a way that fruit bearing is evident to other members of the church.
  - f. Views our congregation as an important part of his ministry.

- g. Is thoroughly familiar with and in agreement with the doctrinal statement and distinctives<sup>1</sup> of our church.
- h. Is open to counsel regarding preparation and plans.
- i. Shows a willingness to be accountable in goals, methods, communication, and evaluation.
- j. Possesses a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures and of theology.
- k. Prays regularly and specifically for our church.
- l. Has established, and will maintain key contacts at Hope CBC.

Note: A missionary wife may also be considered a missionary under the leadership of her husband. A single female candidate will be considered on a case by case basis by the Missions Committee and Board of Elders regarding the nature of her ministry and her role within that ministry. It is preferable that her ministry be under the additional local oversight of another male missionary. She must also fulfill the qualifications of a spiritual woman as listed in 1 Timothy 3:11 and Titus 2:3-4.

- 3. Our commitment to the prospective missionary will include, but is not limited to:
  - a. Appropriate counseling and encouragement as well as opportunities to minister in ways designed to strengthen personal abilities.
  - b. Prayer with and for the prospective missionary, seeking God's will in his life.
  - c. Advice and suggestions regarding the selection of a mission board or agency.

## B. Career Missionaries

- 1. Hope CBC will hold the missionary accountable for consistent service to Jesus Christ, and holds itself accountable for a set amount of the missionary's monthly financial support (if applicable) and for his spiritual and personal welfare (see also 4.a-g below for additional commitments of Hope CBC to the missionary).
- 2. The support of effective missionaries is a key element of Hope CBC's missions program. Recognizing that there will always be more needs than we can fulfill, our primary objective is to support members of our church or other like-minded churches who have demonstrated a pattern of faithfulness and active involvement in their commitment to our or their local church. With this in mind, the following priorities will be considered when evaluating an applicant for the position of Career Missionary:

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<sup>1</sup> Please see <http://www.hopecbc.org/about.php?p=statements>.

- a. Priority will be given to members of Hope CBC.
- b. Priority will be given to church planting, evangelism, discipleship, teaching nationals, and support ministries that facilitate evangelism and church planting (e.g. medicine, aviation).

3. The following requirements must be fulfilled before a prospective missionary for full-time service can be chosen as a Career Missionary of our church:

a. Doctrinal Agreement

The candidate shall review the doctrinal statement and distinctives of Hope CBC and express agreement or cite any exceptions in writing for consideration by the Missions Committee and the Board of Elders.

b. Completion of a Career Missionary Application (Attachment 1).

c. Provision of appropriate references.

d. A personal (if possible) interview with members of the Missions Committee to cover such items as:

- i. Background and salvation experience
- ii. Reasons for choosing missions
- iii. Educational background
- iv. Choice of an approved mission board or agency
- v. Immediate plans prior to assignment
- vi. Financial support
- vii. Abilities, spiritual gifts, and interests as related to the chosen type of ministry
- viii. Ministry experience
- ix. Evangelism skills and ability to share one's faith
- x. Knowledge of the Bible and theology
- xi. Practice of worship, prayer and Bible reading

e. Acceptance by an approved mission board/agency or local like-minded sending church.

i. There must be acceptance by a mission agency approved by Hope CBC or either a local like-minded sending church. Written evidence of this acceptance must be provided, including a statement by the board or church regarding the candidate's proposed ministry and immediate plans.

ii. Only evangelical mission boards which are in essential agreement with our doctrine and missions purposes will be approved. We will give consideration, also, to the agency's management, leadership, and ministry methods and effectiveness. A mission board new to Hope CBC will be carefully evaluated and must be approved by both the Missions Committee and the Board of Elders.

f. Approval by the Missions Committee

Once the above items have been completed, the Missions Committee will meet regarding the candidate's application. The candidate will then be recommended to the Board of Elders if there is a unanimous consensus to do so.

g. Formal approval by the Board of Elders

i. The Board of Elders will discuss the recommendations of the Missions Committee and may also review the candidate's application as well as hold interviews.

ii. During this deliberation stage by the elders, the agreed upon candidate(s) will be put forward to the congregation for any input or concerns. Acceptance of a missionary for recommended support by the Missions Committee and the Board of Elders may be appealed by any church member in writing to the Board of Elders within two weeks of being announced by the Board of Elders (Attachment 2).

iii. After the time period explained above, the elders will make an informed, prayerful decision whether to support the candidate. Upon acceptance by the Board of Elders, the candidate will be designated or adopted as a Career Missionary of Hope CBC. As such, the missionary will be commended to the congregation for both prayer and financial support. If possible, prior to sending, the missionary will be commissioned before the congregation.

Note: The steps outlined here in this "Career Missionaries" section for formally approving a missionary, are also the same general steps that will be followed to approve other types of missionaries (e.g., nationals, etc.), even though this process may not be detailed in those subsequent sections.

4. Responsibility of the Missions Committee to the Approved Missionary

- a. To support the missionary in prayer, and to promote prayer for that missionary within the congregation through established communication tools (e.g. the church prayer list, the church newsletter, website updates, the church bulletin, missionary newsletters and support cards, a missionary bulletin board, etc.).
- b. To communicate with the missionary regularly.
- c. To encourage the missionary, being open to helping with any problems.
- d. To ensure that our monthly financial support to his mission agency is sent in a timely manner.
- e. To monitor and evaluate the effectiveness on the field, and to continue the process of holding the missionary accountable through an annual report that will be discussed at the annual business meeting.
- f. To assist in any logistical needs of housing, transportation, food, and speaking arrangements while in the area.
- g. To develop the procedures to implement all of the above.

5. Responsibility of the Missionary to Hope CBC through the Missions Committee

- a. To support the church in prayer.
- b. To communicate with the church at least quarterly and, preferably, more often.
- c. To submit a report of ministry, personal welfare, and finances at least annually.
- d. To inform the Committee, in advance, of plans to be in the local area so that a personal report to the Committee and logistical arrangements can be made.
- e. To spend quantity and quality time with the church during furlough/home assignments. This will allow us to deepen our relationship with the missionary through reports to the congregation, participation in Hope CBC Sunday School classes, and, if possible, participation in missions conferences at Hope CBC .
- f. To seek to stimulate the world vision of the congregation.
- g. To assist the Missions Committee in placement of Short-Term Missionary candidates.
- h. To regularly communicate with key supporters in the congregation.
- i. To notify the Committee immediately of:

- i. any variance with the doctrinal statement and distinctives of Hope CBC .
- ii. any significant changes in ministry and/or location.
- iii. any problems with or change in status with the missionary's mission board.
- iv. any change in mission board.
- v. substantial changes in financial status.

#### 6. Financial support of the Career Missionary

- a. Hope CBC will strive to support new candidates indefinitely, who have been accepted as career missionaries. However, the actual support level will be determined by the support needs of the missionary candidate and the recommendation of the Missions Committee to the Board of Elders on an annual basis. This support will be allocated from the designated missionary fund which is determined by the Board of Elders at the Annual Business Meeting from the church's annual or general budget.
- b. The congregation will be apprised regularly about missions giving. The monthly support that will come from Hope CBC for each missionary (or mission agency or Christian Organization) will be listed in the church's budget at the Annual Business Meeting.

#### 7. Change in Status

- a. Each missionary is responsible to inform the Missions Committee of any change in status. The Committee will monitor the ministries of all approved Career Missionaries of Hope CBC. Support for a missionary may be reconsidered when a significant change in the missionary's status occurs. Support may be reconsidered when:
  - i. The affiliation of the missionary with his mission board or agency is altered or severed, or when the missionary makes an unapproved transfer to another board.
  - ii. Transfer to another board must first be reviewed and approved by the Missions Committee.
  - iii. The missionary's beliefs no longer conform to the doctrinal statement and distinctives of Hope CBC.
  - iv. There is a confirmation of scriptural disqualification.

- v. A personal, family, or health problem requires the missionary to change or leave the field of service for longer than one year.
- vi. The missionary fails to fulfill his responsibilities to Hope CBC, as outlined in section II.B.5. of this missions policy statement.
- vii. The missionary chooses to relocate for personal reasons.
- viii. There is a significant change in the nature of the missionary's ministry.
- ix. Adequate evaluation of the missionary's ministry is not available.
- x. There is evidence of lack of effectiveness in ministry.
- xi. The missionary remains on furlough or educational leave for longer than allowed by his agency.

b. In all cases, the Missions Committee will endeavor to allow the missionary to give an account of any situation which might lead to accusations that the missionary's work is unsatisfactory. Additional information may be obtained from the missionary's supervisor, field chairman, and board.

#### 8. Termination of Support

a. Normally, support from Hope CBC is terminated concurrent with the date of the agency termination of support. If support is to be terminated, the Missions Committee will provide 3 months written advance notice to the missionary and the mission board. However, such action may be taken immediately if circumstances warrant. The termination of support of a missionary will be announced to the congregation by the Board of Elders. Discussion for reasons of termination will be left to the discretion of the elders as to what is healthy and edifying for the body and the withdrawn missionaries.

b. Recommendation for termination of support for reasons other than retirement or leaving the ministry requires prior approval of the Board of Elders.

#### 9. Retiring Missionaries

Support for retiring missionaries may be continued, if needed, at an appropriate level. Any determination regarding retirement support requires approval of the Missions Committee and the Board of Elders, and will be closely coordinated with the missionary's board.

### **III. SHORT-TERM MISSIONARIES**

#### **A. Purpose**

As a method of developing prospective missionaries, Members of Hope CBC are encouraged to take advantage of short-term missionary opportunities. It is hoped that the short-term mission experience will:

1. Broaden the participant's world vision and burden for the lost;
2. Support the mission or missionary in the field with skills and service that are needed; and
3. Increase our congregation's knowledge of and commitment to world missions.

#### **B. Term of Service**

A missionary will be designated a "short-term" missionary if the anticipated length of service on the field is two years or less.

#### **C. Requirements**

The following requirements must be fulfilled before a prospective short-term missionary can be considered by our church:

1. Acceptance by a mission board/agency or local like-minded sending church

We prefer that candidates be accepted by a mission agency or a local like-minded sending church, which is in essential agreement with the doctrinal statement and distinctives of Hope CBC. Candidates who anticipate serving outside the supervision of a mission agency must have a clearly defined purpose and must be accountable to a designated missionary on the field who will supervise their service and activities.

2. Doctrinal Agreement

The candidate must review the doctrinal statement and distinctives of Hope CBC and express agreement or cite any exceptions in writing for consideration by the Missions Committee and the Board of Elders.

3. Completion of a Short-Term Missionary Application (Attachment 3).
4. A personal interview with members of the Missions Committee. The interview will cover items such as:
  - a. Background and salvation experience.

- b. Choice of, and, acceptance by an approved mission agency (if applicable).
- c. Financial support.
- d. Abilities, spiritual gifts, and interests as related to the chosen type of ministry.
- e. Ministry experience.
- f. Evangelism skills and ability to share one's faith.
- g. Reasons and objectives for pursuing short-term service.
- h. Knowledge of the Bible and theology.
- i. Spiritual growth and maturity.

#### 5. Approval by the Missions Committee and Board of Elders

Once the above items have been completed, the Missions Committee will meet regarding approval of the candidate's application. If approved, the short-term missionary will be recommended to the Board of Elders. Upon approval by the elders, the short-term missionary will be presented to the congregation and will be permitted to solicit funds from members and regular attendees of Hope CBC.

#### D. Responsibility of the Missions Committee to the Short-Term Missionary

- 1. To support the missionary in prayer, and to promote prayer for that missionary within the congregation.
- 2. To encourage the missionary, being open to helping with any problems.
- 3. To aid in facilitating logistical needs as appropriate.

#### E. Responsibility of the Short-Term Missionary to Hope CBC

- 1. To support the church in prayer.
- 2. To communicate with the church periodically.
- 3. To submit a ministry report to the congregation upon return from the field.
- 4. If not serving under the auspices of a missions agency, the short-term missionary must submit an expense report for all funds received directly from Hope CBC (Attachment 4).

## IV. SPECIAL SUPPORT CATEGORIES

### A. Nationals

Recognizing that the Lord intends to reach “every tribe and tongue and people and nation” (Rev. 5:9b) with the gospel, that churches in developing countries often do not have the financial resources to support their own missionaries, and that nationals can usually reach their own people more quickly and more economically than our own missionaries, we desire to support national missionaries and evangelists.

#### 1. Qualifications

- a. A national candidate for support must be recommended to the Missions Committee by one of our career missionaries or members.
- b. The national must be affiliated with an approved mission agency and, preferably, be supervised by one of our missionaries.
- c. The national must be biblically qualified for the ministry he is engaged in, and must be in agreement with our doctrinal statement and distinctives or cite any exceptions in writing for consideration by the Missions Committee and the Board of Elders.
- d. The national must be approved by the Board of Elders and go through the same approval process as outlined in section II.B.3.g.ii. of this policy.

#### 2. Support and Communication

- a. As required by the United States Internal Revenue Service, support will be given only through mission organizations with tax-exempt status in the United States. Unaffiliated nationals will not be supported.
- b. The Missions Committee and Board of Elders will provide financial support for national missionaries, as it deems appropriate. This support may be given monthly, on a one-time basis, or a combination of these methods.
- c. The national and/or supervisor of the national will be required to supply periodic reports from the field addressing ministry effectiveness and goals.

### B. Tentmakers

#### 1. Description

A “tentmaker” is one who uses his secular job skills to gain entry to a restricted-access country with the purpose of witnessing for Christ. The tentmaker may be

affiliated with a mission agency or he may be operating on his own. The tentmaker is self-supported by virtue of his employment.

## 2. Affiliation

a. A tentmaker may choose to establish a relationship with Hope CBC for the purpose of mutual ministry. To do so, a tentmaker must:

- i. Complete a Career Missionary Application (Attachment 1).
- ii. Be a spiritually mature and ministry qualified believer who is in agreement with the doctrinal statement and distinctives of Hope CBC or cite any exceptions in writing for consideration by the Missions Committee and the Board of Elders.
- iii. Provide a description of the proposed work and ministry on the field.
- iv. Provide appropriate references that establish competency in his field of employment, ministry effectiveness, and personal character.
- v. Agree to abide by the Mission Policy of Hope CBC as pertains to Career Missionaries.
- vi. Have a personal (if possible) interview with the Missions Committee.
- vii. Be approved by the Board of Elders (see below).

b. The Missions Committee will then meet regarding the candidate's application and recommend him to the Board of Elders if there is a unanimous consensus to do so. Upon acceptance by the Board of Elders (following the same approval process as outlined in section II.B.3.g.ii. of this policy), the candidate will be commended to the congregation for prayer support. If possible, the missionary will be commissioned before the congregation.

## **V. MISSION AGENCIES AND CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS**

In order for Hope CBC to support an approved Mission Agency/Christian Organization, they shall maintain as a minimum, the standards outlined below:

1. The Organization should be properly controlled by a board of directors, council, or similar body.
2. The Organization should be willing and able to supply a complete, up-to-date, audited financial statement upon request. The Organization should give evidence of financial accountability (e.g. membership in the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability).

3. The Organization should adhere to a doctrinal position which is substantially similar to the doctrinal position and distinctives of Hope CBC and which is clearly stated in their publicity.
4. The Organization should show proof that it is a permanent organization and that it has been organized to assure its stability.
5. The Organization should evidence adequate control and concern for its missionaries.
6. The Organization must be willing to explain how support funds for its missionaries are handled, including percentage deducted for administrative charges, insurance, taxes, etc.
7. The Organization, if financially supported by Hope CBC independent of a particular missionary, shall go through the same approval process as outlined in section II.B.3.g.ii. of this policy.

## **VI. TARGET AREAS**

From time to time, strategic opportunities for evangelism may arise in certain areas of the world which warrant concerted financial and personnel investment. These opportunities will be made known to the congregation, and we will encourage the sending and support of missionaries to these areas through the Board of Elders.

## **VII. ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

### **A. Oversight of the Missions Committee**

The Committee is directly responsible to the Board of Elders, but is given authority to act on items covered by this policy and to recommend solutions to any exceptions to the Board of Elders for a final decision.

### **B. Membership**

1. The Missions Committee shall consist of at least three members of the church and not more than six. This number may need revision as the size of the congregation fluctuates. Any elder may sit in on or take part in the Committee. Meetings shall be announced in advanced in the bulletin. The Missions Committee will generally meet at least quarterly.
2. When openings arise in the Missions Committee, existing members of the Committee will nominate new members. The new member should be:
  - a. A member of Hope CBC.

b. A mature believer with a heart for missions and a desire to serve the congregation and our missionaries.

3. The Committee shall be considered properly convened when a simple majority of members are present. The Chairman may declare a quorum present with the permission of the Committee.

4. Committee members and officers (see below) shall serve for one year terms with no term limits.

### C. Officers

#### 1. Chairman

The Chairman shall be selected from and by the members of the Missions Committee. Service as a member of the Committee for at least one year is preferred before being eligible to serve as Chairman.

The Chairman will provide any needed assistance to the Church Treasurer regarding allocation of funds to our missionaries as well as monthly and year-end financial reports for the Board of Elders and congregation.

The Chairman will also designate members of the Missions Committee to work with the congregation in providing logistical needs to missionaries visiting or being sent out from Hope CBC.

#### 2. Secretary

The Chairman shall appoint one of the members as a secretary who will keep minutes of all meetings and submit a copy to the church recording secretary to be archived at the church for review by all church members.

### D. Voting

All decisions that are subject to a vote, in the course of discussion by the Missions Committee, must be unanimous.

### E. Records

The Chairman shall maintain records such as correspondence and other materials necessary to the Committee's operations. In addition, individual missionary files and agency files will be kept for each approved Career Missionary and approved Organization.

### F. Responsibilities of the Missions Committee to the Congregation

1. The Missions Committee shall establish and maintain this written policy concerning the missions program of the church, subject to approval of the Board of Elders.
2. A member of the Missions Committee will be assigned to each Career Missionary. These members will be responsible for bringing before the Committee needs being experienced by our missionaries. The Committee, in turn, will keep the church advised of on-the-field activity and requests for prayer.
3. The Committee shall periodically review the missions program of the church and make recommendations to the Elders when appropriate.
4. The Committee shall stimulate, within the congregation as a whole and with individual membership, intercessory prayer for world evangelism and for our missionaries and missions-related causes.
5. The Committee shall be responsible for the education and motivation of the congregation in the field of local and world missions through established communication tools (e.g. the church prayer list, the church newsletter, website updates, the church bulletin, missionary newsletters and support cards, a missionary bulletin board, etc.).
6. The Committee will encourage giving to missions.
7. The Committee will facilitate through the church body, any logistical needs of housing, transportation, food, and speaking arrangements while in the area.

## **VIII. POLICY REVISION**

### **A. Procedure**

1. Any member of Hope CBC may submit recommendations for revision of this Missions Policy (Attachment 5). The full Missions Committee will review the proposal, add its comments, and forward it to the Board of Elders.
2. If the recommendation is approved, the revised policy will then be made available to the general membership of the church.
3. In all cases, regardless of acceptance or rejection, the recommended revision will be returned to the member requesting the change, along with a written reason by the Missions Committee for the action taken.

## **IX. GOVERNING STATEMENT ON GIFTS RECEIVED**

The Missions Committee will seek to diligently conform to all governmental rules and regulations regarding charitable giving.

1. Checks written for missions (approved missionaries, agencies, or organizations) should be made out to Hope CBC. Checks written to individuals will not be accepted. Checks written to other non-approved mission agencies or Christian organizations will be passed on to those agencies, although a member may want to give directly to that agency (e.g., Wycliffe Bible Translators).
2. Designated contributions (giving toward a specific missionary) will be accepted, but Hope CBC will maintain full administrative authority over the use of these funds. While the Missions Committee will attempt to honor designations, it will do so under the guidelines outlined in item II.B.6 above.
3. Special love offerings may be occasionally taken for a missionary. Those funds will be given directly to the missionary in addition to the monthly designated amount.

**Career Missionary Application (Attachment 1)**

**Name (s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Address:**

**Phone Number ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mission Agency** (include address; also enclose your letter of acceptance by this agency):

**Assignment** (please include field address if known):

**Ministry Area** (e.g. Church planting, evangelism, medical, aviation, etc.):

**Anticipated period of service:**

**Annual budgeted support** (include personal and ministry support needs):

**Amount of monthly support raised:**

**Additional monthly support needed :**

**Affiliation (if any) with Hope CBC:**

**Educational Background** (please list all undergraduate and graduate training):

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Degree (if any)</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			

**References** (Please submit the names of at least 3 references with their addresses and phone numbers):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Personal Statement** (Use the space below to help us get to know you better. Include information about your background, salvation experience, and reasons for choosing missions. Tell us about your abilities, spiritual gifts, and interests as they relate to your chosen area of ministry on the field. Also tell us about past and current ministry experiences. Use the reverse side if needed.)

This application is made to Hope CBC for consideration as a Career Missionary. My (our) signature(s) below indicate my (our) agreement with the doctrinal statement and distinctives of Hope CBC (please cite any exceptions in writing for consideration by the Missions Committee and the Board of Elders). I (we) have read the Missions Policy statement, and if accepted, I (we) agree to abide by that policy.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please forward this to the Chairman of the Missions Committee*

**Congregational Input to Consider the Recommendation for Support of a Missionary,  
Mission Agency/Christian Organization (Attachment 2)**

I believe that the recommendation to support the following Missionary, Mission Agency/  
Christian Organization is:

My reasons for holding this position are:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please forward this to the Board of Elders*

**Short-Term Missionary Application (Attachment 3)**

**Name (s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Address**

**Phone Number ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mission Agency** (include address; also enclose your letter of acceptance by this agency):

**Supervisor on the field:**

**Assignment** (please include field address if known):

**Ministry Area** (e.g. Church planting, evangelism, medical, aviation, etc.):

**Anticipated period of service:**

**Estimated support needs** (include travel and personal support needs):

**Amount of support already raised:**

**Additional support needed:**

**Educational Background** (please list all undergraduate and graduate training)

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Degree (if any)</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			

**References** (Please submit the names of at least 3 references with their addresses and phone numbers.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Personal Statement** (Use the space below to help us get to know you better. Include information about your background, salvation experience, and the reasons for your interest in missions. Tell us about your abilities, spiritual gifts, and interests as they relate to your chosen area of ministry on the field. Also tell us about past and current ministry experiences. Use the reverse side if needed.)

This application is made to Hope CBC for consideration as a Short-Term Missionary. My (our) signature(s) below indicate my (our) agreement with the doctrinal statement and distinctives of Hope CBC (please cite any exceptions in writing for consideration by the Missions Committee and the Board of Elders). I (we) have read the Missions Policy statement, and if accepted, I (we) agree to abide by that policy.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please forward this to the Chairman of the Missions Committee*

**Short-Term Missionary Expense Report (Attachment 4)**

Name of Missionary \_\_\_\_\_ Mission Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_

**Preparation** (before actual departure)

Passport —

Visa(s) —

Photo(s) —

Medical —

Medications —

Phone/Fax —

Other Expenses (itemize) —

TOTAL —

**Travel To and From Mission Field**

Air - Train - Bus Fare —

Taxi - Van - Limo —

Lodging Enroute —

Meals Enroute —

Phone - Fax -Telegram —

Customs Fees —

Other Expenses (itemize) —

TOTAL —

**On the Field**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Total</b>
Accommodations —		
Meals —		
Utilities		
Auto —		
Public Transportation —		
Other Expenses (itemize) —		
TOTAL —		

Any entry exceeding \$75.00 requires a receipt; Use additional pages if necessary

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please forward this to the Chairman of the Missions Committee*

**Recommended Revision to the Missions Policy (Attachment 5)**

I feel the following provisions of the Missions Policy need to be revised:

I recommend, instead, that the provisions be reworded as follows:

My reasons for desiring this change are as follows:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please forward this to the Chairman of the Missions Committee*