



Presbyterian Mission Networks

Supporting Presbyterian Mission

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Mission Engagement and Support
2021

Thank you for your faithful commitment to Presbyterian mission



74
Mission
Co-workers

80
countries

358 Mission
staff in the
U.S.



Purpose of this Meeting

Support of Mission Co-workers

**To move from many funds
to one fund
in support of the ministry
of all Mission Co-Workers**



A decision after much listening and discussion

Support of Mission Co-workers

- **World Mission Leadership Table 1/28**
 - **Area Coordinators: 2/4, 2/8, 2/10**
 - **Feedback meetings 2/9, 2/11**
 - **Regional Liaisons: 2/9**
- **Individual Coordinators (project funding) 3/24**
 - **Mission Co-workers 4/20**



Why Move to One Fund?

For Mission Personnel:

- increase equity within WM and with other PMA Staff**
- include ministry collaborations in interpretation**
- relieve burden of raising personal support**
- focus on ministry and interpreting that ministry**



Simplified Processing

This simplified process is based on:

“Funding Christ’s Mission Throughout the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)”

***Recommended by the General Assembly Council
and***

Approved by the 218th General Assembly (2008)



Context

A System of Giving

In 2008 the Funding Christ's Mission Special Committee proposed that the General Assembly Council develop a system of giving which preserves the equal worth of both shared and designated mission giving as faithful ways to support Christ's mission. There are two components of mission support:

- **Funding for General Mission** (Shared Mission Giving)—*gifts with no restrictions*, for the overall support of the adopted budgets(of) the General Assembly.
- **Funding for Specific Mission** —gifts, with restrictions (or designations) for use within the adopted budgets..... (of) the General Assembly.



What changes? What stays the same?

What Stays the Same?

- 1. The Mission Co-worker receives notice of your gift and acknowledges it.***
- 2. The Mission Co-worker includes you in their quarterly newsletter.***
- 3. The Mission Co-worker includes you when planning their Interpretation Assignment.***
- 4. The Mission Co-worker and Global Partners continue to welcome your prayers for their ministry.***

What Changes?

- 1. Your gift is “in honor of (name)” to one fund: E132192.***



Communications

- **Mission Networks**
- **Advocacy Committees**
 - **Mid Councils**
 - **Congregations**
 - **Individuals**



Timeline

Phase I: Internal Review	January 2021 – April 2021
Phase II: Simplify	April 2021 – November 2021
Phase III: Announce	November – December 2021

Transition to be completed: January 1, 2022



Building deeper relationships with congregations.

- Continue to *inspire, equip and connect*:
 - Inspire: with interpretation of mission.
 - Equip: for engagement in healthy mission.
 - Connect: individually and globally to encourage faithful stewardship.
- Direct gifts to Sending and Support *in honor of* (name).
- Invite an MEA to meet with your network
- MCW Funding Questions: Please direct them to their MEA.



Support for Mission Co-Workers

\$86,000

- Salary and Benefits
- Travel
- Housing and Local Taxes
- Ongoing Trainings
- Language study
- Continuing Education
- Children's education
- Re-entry grants
- Crisis Management
- Mission Interpretation



Next Steps

May we ask to have Mission Engagement and Support on the Agenda of your next Network meeting?

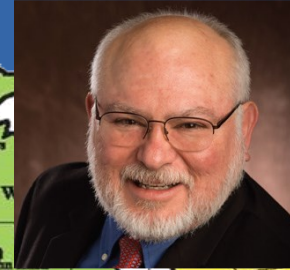
May we ask you to send us the mailing list of your network members so that we may write to them personally about this change?

Presbyterian Mission Networks are actively engaged in the world. Will your Mission Network prayerfully consider the invitation of Matthew 25?

Who? Mission Engagement Advisors



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South Atlantic



