

ASSOCIATE MISSION AGENCIES EMMC

1. Cooperative Agreement

The General Board of EMMC may seek to establish cooperative agreements with Associate Mission Agencies at the request of a Missionary or on its own initiative. Such agreements will spell out the working relationship between the General Board of EMMC and the agency. Copies of such agreements are kept in the EMMC Home Office.

2. Qualifying Factors

Personnel applying for EMMC funding shall be:

- i. Approved candidates of an Associate Mission Agency whose primary focus is to provide ministry opportunities in evangelism and church planting, linguistics and Bible translation.
- ii. Committed to long term service, i.e. more than two years. Short term service (two years or less) does not qualify for EMMC Associate Missionary funding.

3. Application Procedure

Personnel applying to serve under an Associate Mission Agency shall:

- i. Be a member of an EMMC congregation.
- ii. A letter of affirmation shall be received from the home church of the candidate before being approved.
- iii. File an application with EMMC in order to be recognized as EMMC personnel.
 - i. If the Agency is not already an Approved Agency, the missionary shall provide EMMC with copies of the agency's policies, regulations, doctrinal statement, etc. The Missions Facilitator will study the Agency's documents, research its current ministry work and make a recommendation to the General Board of the acceptance or denial of said Agency.
 - ii. If, for reasons considered valid by the Missions Facilitator or the General Board, the agency is found to not be acceptable the application being considered will not be processed further and the candidate will be advised of the decision.
- iv. Be interviewed by the Missions Facilitator and a minimum of two Missions Consultation Team members providing their decision is to accept the candidate; a recommendation will be forwarded to the General Board of EMMC before their being accepted as EMMC personnel serving under an Associate Mission Agency.

4. Finances / Itineration

- a) Personnel accepted by an Associate Mission Agency and the EMMC will be eligible to receive financial support from the EMMC budget when such funds are available. The extent of financial support will be reviewed as considered
- b) Approved personnel may also present their needs to EMMC congregations and in this way raise additional financial support from individuals or local congregations. Such personnel will however be responsible for all itineration travel costs.
- c) The Missions Facilitator will encourage the home church of associate missionaries to commit to providing prayer support and financial assistance that matches or exceeds the financial assistance from EMMC.
- d) EMMC reserves the right to terminate or amend this funding agreement at any time by a decision of the General Council. A minimum of three months notice of any changes shall be provided to funded associate missionaries.

5. Expectations of Associate Missionaries

Missionaries serving with Associate Mission Agencies commit to:

- a) Providing periodic reports in their churches and at least bi-annual written reports to EMMC Home Office about their activities as part of the Associate Mission Agency's ministry. EMMC will share these reports with the greater conference of churches to encourage further prayer and potential financial support.
 - i. Associate Missionaries recognize that update information shared with EMMC Home Office may be printed in the conference publication The Recorder and/or email correspondence. It is the responsibility of the associate missionary to indicate whether or not the information needs to be kept confidential or is for limited distribution.
- b) Associate missionaries terminating service with their mission, i.e. retirement or other voluntary termination, are entitled to a severance package equaling the monthly support received from EMMC of one month per year served to a maximum of three months.
- c) Associate Missionaries terminating their membership in an EMMC Church I forfeit any further financial support received from the EMMC.
- d) Associate Missionaries failing to provide the agreed to reports to their Home Church or to EMMC may have their financial support terminated.
 - i. A letter outlining the concern will be sent to the missionary making them aware of their funding being in jeopardy.
 - ii. If the missionary fails to address the concern, a letter indicating the suspension of support funding will be sent to both the associate missionary and the home church, outing the rationale for this decision.
 - iii. Exceptions can be made if there are extenuating circumstances caused by political turmoil / restrictions, or remoteness of location that cause delays in communication.