

King's Lynn Christian Fellowship

Funding for Mission and Ministry Policy

This Funding for Mission and Ministry policy:

- is consistent with our vision and values, namely to preach the love of Jesus, to present every person mature and to prepare everyone to serve
- is consistent with the objects and purposes of the church as set out in the First Schedule of the Trust Deed, namely the advancement of the Christian faith, the worship of God, the proclamation of the Christian gospel, the teaching of Christian doctrine and principles, the pastoral care of Christian people, the printing and distribution of the Bible and Christian literature, the relief of persons who are in need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick and the advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles
- is to be interpreted and applied consistently with scripture
- covers responsibilities and practical aspects
- applies equally to home and overseas missions and ministries and to the local mission of the church
- provides a broad framework within which specific decisions can be made

Missions supported by the church should:

- have aims and purposes consistent with the church's vision, values, objects and purposes
- believe in salvation, healing, deliverance and baptism in the Holy Spirit for all who are willing to receive
- be able to demonstrate a clear sense of divine connection or relationship with the church
- be able to demonstrate clearly God's hand on their work
- be willing to maintain an ongoing relationship with the church
- if involved in church planting overseas, normally use nationals from that country

The Eldership will:

- determine the missions and ministries that will be supported by the church
- review at least annually the missions and ministries that are to be supported and the amount of money to be given to them, increasing, maintaining, reducing or ending this support as they see fit
- inform the recipients of decisions with as much notice as possible, particularly if support is to be reduced or ended
- seek to ensure that at least 10% of the church's income from tithes and gifts (including the tax relief received on these tithes and gifts) is given to missions and ministries, including the local mission and ministry of the church (this may include travel and other expenses)
- promote the work of these missions and ministries, encouraging the church membership to support them financially, pray for their work and communicate with them

Individuals requesting personal financial support from the church for mission or ministry should:

- normally have been in membership in the church for at least 18 months
- display a right walk with God and a clear sense of call, recognisable by the Eldership
- seek the counsel of the Eldership with regard to their call and follow their guidance
- apply to the Eldership for funding and be interviewed by the Pastor prior to any commitment being made
- be accountable to the Eldership for their ministry and the use of the funding

In the case of individual needs any two Elders may determine the financial support required to meet the immediate needs up to a maximum of £250.