

Cranbrook Alliance Church Missions Committee Mandate

Purpose: The purpose of the missions committee is to be a catalyst for involving the people of CAC in global missions through praying, giving, going, and caring for our missionaries.

Reports to: This committee is a subcommittee of the board of elders and reports to the elders through a designated committee representative

Relates to: The pastoral staff, especially regarding Sunday morning issues; the office staff regarding any bulletin or screen announcements as well as booking space in the church; the various educational ministries of the church (Sunday school, youth, men's and women's ministry etc); the kitchen staff where a missions event may overlap; any CMA missions representatives and the representatives of any other missions we are actively working with; current short and long term missionaries; future missionary candidates.

Specific Tasks:

- Provide resources and encouragement for missions prayer, including a weekly missions prayer request for use on Sunday morning
- Promote giving to Alliance and other supported missions, in both an ongoing and project based manner
- Establish and maintain short term missions trip guidelines
- Encourage and help execute 2-4 missions Sundays per year
- Provide missions feature for use on Sunday mornings approximately monthly
- Identify, support and develop potential career missionaries
- Care for missionaries associated with CAC
- Administer the missions budget to best accomplish the committee's purpose
- Annually evaluate and refine the mission committee's work in relation to its purpose
- Recruit new committee members as needed, including a chair and secretary. Potential names of future committee members to be passed by the elders board prior to recruiting.
- Fulfill seamless link obligations
- Agency agreements and ongoing projects to be evaluated every year in relation to the purpose of the committee

Other guidelines:

- Only Alliance missions or those in the field with a personal connection to CAC and acceptably credentialed will be considered for promotion and support. The mission must be compatible with C&MA of Canada Statement of Faith and with CAC's stated Vision and Purpose.
- Special projects are limited to one at a time, generally with a 6 month time frame and \$10,000 limit, whichever comes first. They also require board approval.
- A balance between long and short term missions, as well as Alliance and other missions should be maintained