

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH GLOBAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE CHARTER

PURPOSE

- The Global Missions Committee (hereafter referred to as “GMC”) partners with the elders and the Missions Department to ensure that every member of Covenant Life Church (CLC) has the motivation, training, and opportunity to engage in God’s global mission.
- The GMC represents the CLC membership and serves under the delegated authority of the elders.

COMPOSITION

- The GMC consists of 11 to 15 Covenant Life Church members, including the Missions Pastor.
- The Chair, a GMC member, is selected annually based on nominations from GMC members and affirmed by majority vote of the Committee. A Vice-Chairman may be designated as needed.
- New members may apply or be nominated by current GMC members; they are selected by the Missions Pastor and GMC Chair.
- All members of the GMC serve on one or more sub-committee (which may include non-members):
 - **Advisory**
 - Tasks: Draft policies, procedures, and funding recommendations for the GMC. (Includes the GMC Chair, and sub-committee chairmen, and Missions pastor.)
 - **Partnership Evaluation**
 - Tasks: Evaluate all proposals and submit funding recommendations to GMC; monitor partnerships to ensure compliance and alignment
 - **Research**
 - Tasks: Research global needs/trends as well as congregational resources in order to advise GMC on strategic partnerships
 - **Prayer and Promotion**
 - Tasks: Spur the church to prayer for missions; promote missions opportunities within the church; educate church about missions
 - **Missionary Support**
 - Tasks: Evaluate potential missionary partners; develop training programs for short-, mid-, and long-term missionaries; care for missionary partners
 - **Security**
 - Tasks: Review communications and logistics to ensure safety and security.
 - **Short-Term Trips**
 - Tasks: Support Missions Department in planning, facilitating, and evaluating short-term missions trips
 - **Local Internationals**
 - Tasks: Work together with Local Missions Committee to strategize and execute effective outreach to internationals living in our community

QUALIFICATIONS OF GMC MEMBER

- To retain voting privileges as a member in good standing, a GMC member should:
 - Attend GMC meetings or notify Chair in advance if unable to attend (4 absences allowed)
 - Respond punctually to e-mail communication, online votes, and assignments
 - Actively participate on one or more sub-committees
 - Maintain a lifestyle consistent with God’s Word
 - Remain a member in good standing at Covenant Life Church

- Committee members who fail to meet these standards may be removed by the Chair or may be classified as non-voting members if temporary circumstances hinder their responsibilities.

TENURE

- When selected, GMC members commit to serve for two years (beginning in September).
 - GMC members are eligible to serve for two consecutive terms as long as they remain members in good standing.
 - To ensure continuity, no more than 50% of GMC members will transition to or from the Committee in any given year.
- When selected, the GMC Chair commits to serve for one year (beginning in September).
 - The Chair is eligible to serve for two consecutive terms as long as he remains a member in good standing. Before serving a second term the Chair must be affirmed by the Missions Pastor and a majority vote of the GMC.

VOTING

- A vote is required to approve policies, budget allocations, funding decisions, and short-term trips.
- Assuming that a quorum is present, decisions will be made by voting in the GMC meetings.
 - A quorum is defined as 66% of the current GMC membership.
 - A simple majority vote is required for a decision to be affirmed.

FUNCTION

- The Committee and its various sub-committees will meet as often as the Chair and Missions Pastor deem necessary to accomplish its goals.
 - Current schedule: 1 monthly GMC meeting
- Meeting agendas are circulated one week in advance; meeting minutes are circulated for approval no more than one week after each meeting.
- Under the delegated authority of the Board of Elders, the GMC:
 - Manages and determines expenditures from the Global Missions budget (with quarterly reporting to the Board of Elders)
 - Develops and maintains missions-related policies and procedures
 - Researches best practices in missions methodology
 - Evaluates all present and potential partners and projects to ensure compatibility with the church's vision and values
 - Educates the church about missions and spurs church members to pray for global advance of the gospel
 - Identifies and trains new missionary candidates as well as caring for missionaries with whom we partner
 - Assists the Missions Department staff in selecting and facilitating short-term trips