

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH
LOCAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE
CHARTER

PURPOSE

- The Local Missions Committee (hereafter referred to as “LMC”) will be formed in May 2014 to help Covenant Life Church fulfill its call to make disciples in our local community. The LMC will work closely with the elders and the Missions Department to ensure that every member has the motivation, training, and opportunity to saturate our community with gospel influence.

COMPOSITION

- The LMC will consist of 10-12 Covenant Life Church members selected through an application process. Members will be chosen by the Missions Department staff (and affirmed by elders).
- LMC Chair will be nominated by LMC members and affirmed by majority vote.
- The Outreach Pastor and Local Missions Director will be members of the Committee.
- All members of the LMC serve on one or more of five (TBD) specialized sub-committees:
 - **Local Internationals**
 - Tasks: Work together with Global Missions Committee task force to strategize and execute effective outreach to internationals living in our community
 - **Schools and Universities**
 - Tasks: Strategize and coordinate effective outreach to students and faculty of area schools and universities
 - **Mercy Ministry**
 - Tasks: Provide encouragement, guidance, training, and resources to church ministry teams serving the needy in our community
 - **Social Justice**
 - Tasks: Provide encouragement, guidance, training, and resources to church ministry teams serving the disadvantaged and oppressed in our community
 - **Community Development**
 - Tasks: Facilitate job training, mentoring, benevolence, and other services designed to help members of our community cultivate healthy relationships with God, self, others, and the rest of creation
 - **Other Sub-Committees To Be Determined**

TENURE

- When selected, LMC members commit to serve for two years.
- When selected, the LMC Chair commits to serve for one year. The Chair is eligible to serve for an unlimited number of consecutive terms, but must be affirmed annually by a majority vote of the LMC.

FUNCTION

- Under the delegated authority of the Board of Elders, the LMC:
 - Models a commitment to love our neighbors (Mt. 22:39) and make disciples (Mt. 28:18-20)
 - Develops and maintains relevant policies and procedures
 - Researches best practices in local missions
 - Evaluates projects and partnerships to ensure compatibility with the church’s mission
 - Evaluates, strengthens, and develops support structures for local outreach teams
 - Helps to mobilize, equip, and deploy new local outreach teams

- Researches both the local community and the church community to discover new resources and opportunities
- Assists the Missions Department staff in developing short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals for local missions
- Assists the Missions Department staff in planning and administrating events designed to serve and reach the community
- Assists the Missions Department staff in planning and implementing training opportunities for church members
- Manages and determines expenditures from the Local Missions budget
- Works closely with other departments of the church and ministries to ensure collaboration and mutual support
 - Church departments: Care and Counseling, Community Life, Equipping and Training, Student Life
 - Ministries: Benevolence Task Force, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Good Samaritan Advocates, "Introducing God," Marketplace Ambassadors, OneU Montgomery College