

Missions Support Policies

Chinese Community Church of Indianapolis

The Chinese Community Church of Indianapolis (CCCI) provides financial support to missions subject to the following policies:

1. Type of organizations

Christian evangelical organizations who share CCCI's core principles expressed in our statement of faith. The organization must be a member of ECFA (the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) or provide valid documents (such as IRS audit) to indicate that the organization complies with ECFA best practice.

2. Types of ministries

Missionaries, ministries or projects in the U.S. or foreign countries may be considered, such as:

- A. Ministries to national students, pastors, workers, children and youth
- B. Missionaries serving in overseas ministries
- C. Campus ministries represented by members of our congregation and/or of Midwest Chinese Christian Association (MCCA)
- D. Christian relief ministries
- E. CCCI members of short-term mission (refer to Attachment #1 for STM support guidelines)
- F. Seminary training in an evangelical seminary that shares CCCI's statement of faith (refer to Attachment #2 for guidelines)
- G. Local compassionate assistance

3. Priority emphasis

- A. Members of CCCI who answer God's call to missionary services under any organization that is compatible with CCCI's statement of faith. Such missionaries are to be supported appropriately with available funds and with the following order of priority.
 - a. Ministry priority:
 - a) Evangelism: Direct outreach ministries that will help seekers to become believers such as Church planting, personal evangelism (such as:EE ministry), student outreach ministry and direct outreach among laborers or industrial parks.
 - b) Outreach: Pre-evangelistic ministries that will help the strangers to become seekers. Ministries that are indirectly involved in preparing for salvation or presentation of Gospel such as Christian organizations who are in social care, relief or music, literature, etc.
 - c) Discipleship: Ministries that will directly help believers to become leaders such as seminary, Bible College or training center.
 - d) Devotional: Ministries that will indirectly help believers to grow spiritually and ultimately becoming leaders who will in turn help others grow in Christ.

- e) Ministries which are not included in the list above may be considered on an individual basis by the mission committee under exceptional circumstances:
- b. Target priority:
 - a) Chinese in the areas where the Gospel is restricted and limited in general.
 - b) Chinese in the areas where people are open to the Gospel.
 - c) Other nations that directly involved in presentation of Gospel.
- B. Supported missionaries and mission ministries which have been vetted by a mission organization and work in areas such as:
 - a. Local area ministries that are part of CCCI vision plan. (This belongs to the Local Evangelism of CCCI)
 - b. Local ministries that are not part of CCCI but can be in partnership with us in outreach with common interest.
 - c. The training of national workers (Directly involved in preparing future ministers for outreach)
 - d. Evangelism/church planting ministries (Direct outreach)
 - e. Translation work, church building and medical ministries
 - f. Relief ministries
 - g. Workers in isolated areas without sufficient networking

4. Guidelines for Financial Support

All support requests will be reviewed and approved based on the needs and availability of funds. Support amounts are governed by the following considerations:

- A. Long term
 - a. Family vs Single vs a Ministry (i.e. an orphanage or Bible school)
 - b. Financial Needs and Financial Stability
 - c. How long have they been supported by CCCI
 - d. Where are they located? (this would consider things such as travel and cost of living)
 - e. How long do they intend to stay on the mission field before they are home to raise more support?
- B. Short-term support (see Attachment 1)

5. Periodic reviews of existing missions supported by CCCI

The mission committee of CCCI is to conduct periodic reviews of the existing missions supported by the church regarding decisions to:

- A. Take on recommended new missions/individuals
- B. Continue the support of existing mission/individuals
- C. Discontinue certain existing missions/individuals
- D. Increase/decrease financial support for certain missions/individuals

6. Updates of ministries

Quarterly report or bi-monthly newsletter from supported organizations, ministries or missionaries is required to provide the church with updates. A letter of warning of discontinued support will be sent if a report is not received at least twice a year.

Attachment # 1
Guidelines for Short-Term Mission Trip Support
Chinese Community Church of Indianapolis (CCCI)

1. Purpose

To encourage members of the CCCI and their children and youth groups to participate in the outreach mission both at home and abroad.

- A. Develop missions skills, mission-mindedness, and cross-cultural experience among our congregation while supporting the needs in the mission fields.
- B. Develop teamwork among teammates and sponsors.
- C. Deepen personal faith through the personal sacrifice of finances and time for God's Kingdom.
- D. Prepare for a long-term commitment to missions.

2. Type of short-term mission (STM)

STM should be a team organized by CCCI, a mission organization, or along with a missionary. The STM can be the following types in the following order of priorities:

- A. Evangelism outreach activities (VBS, Christian camps, etc.)
- B. Discipleship training and Bible teaching (assigned/approved by CCCI Mission Committee)
- C. Mission field visit of missionaries supported by CCCI
- C. D. Christian relief work

3. Type of organizations

Any evangelical mission organization involved in outreach, children, youth, missionary or Christian relief ministries at home and abroad.

4. Financial subsidy for short-term mission trips

- A. Applications for subsidy should be submitted to the Mission Committee (MC) of CCCI at least 30 days before departure
- B. Application for financial subsidy must be approved by the Mission Committee of CCCI.
- C. Financial assistance may be provided to CCCI members. The support will be no more than 40% of the total STM related expenses when funds are available.

- D. Financial assistance may be provided to youth and college students who were active in the life of CCCI with endorsement by consensus of the pastoral staff*. The support will be no more than 40% of the total STM related expenses when funds are available.
- E. Each applicant or team must submit a written post-trip reflection to the MC within one month of his/her/their return.
- F. Applicants are encouraged to seek prayer support from the congregation. Checks of donation should be made to CCCI and designated for specified Support Fund. The specific support shall be decided and recommended by the Mission Committee and approved by Deacons Board.
- G. Applicants may take personal side trips before and/or after the STM, as long as it does not affect the STM. Church shall provide CCCI members up to 40% of the cost of the STM related expenses only. Side trip expenses will not be covered by the church. Generally, personal side trips should not last longer than the STM.
- H. Missionaries receiving monthly support from CCCI are not eligible for mission trip subsidies.

* The pastoral team will: 1. Ask whether the candidate is currently involved in any Christian ministry while on campus, and if so, request at least one reference from the pastor, mentor, or Navigator or Campus Crusade counselor. 2. Contact the provided reference to clarify if the student has the genuine commitment or any moral concerns. 3. Ask the candidate to provide two Christian friends who can pray for his or her short-term mission.

Attachment # 2

Guidelines for Scholarship Support of Seminary Studies Chinese Community Church of Indianapolis (CCCI)

The purpose is to prepare future full-time Christian workers who have a clear calling from the Lord and have decided to receive full-time seminary training.

The applicant should consider following:

- A. A written application for the scholarship should be submitted to the Mission Committee of CCCI at least 30 days before departure
- B. The attending seminary should be an accredited evangelical school of theology by Association of Theological School of America and Canada. Seeking a formal degree from such school is desired.
- C. The amount of support will be determined on an individual basis considering all aspects of need.
- D. One-time or special gift may be provided based on needs and at the discretion of the church.
- E. Quarterly report or bi-monthly newsletter is required to provide the church with updates on academics as well as spiritual well-being. A letter of warning of discontinued support will be sent if a report is not received at least twice a year.
- F. Any request for continued scholarship support beyond the three years is to be reviewed again by CCCI Mission Committee and there is no guarantee that such a request can be approved.