

REQUEST FOR MISSION FUNDS

Person/Group Requesting Funds: _____

Person to Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Please complete the following information to help us evaluate how well your organization meets our established criteria, which can be found on page 2. Mail, Fax or email this form to the Mission Committee at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church.

1) How do the activities/projects of this person or group have relevance to our church vision?

2) Which members of our congregation are involved in this organization? How are they involved?

3) How can our contribution make a significant difference for your organization?

4) Will this contribution foster spiritual growth for the members of our congregation?

5) How will we know that your organization ha accomplished the purpose for which our contribution was requested?

Evaluation Criteria for Mission Funding

1-RELEVANCE TO OUR CHURCH VISION

We strive to foster mission projects, partnerships and causes that reflect our church's fundamental vision.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a growing church that is spiritually alive to God and actively caring for others. This vision sets us on a journey, calling us to worship Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, to respond to the needs of people through caring ministries of healing and hope, to celebrate our diversity of perspective while affirming our unity in Christ and, through the Holy Spirit, to grow in our discovery of God and our mission in the world

2-INVOLVEMENT (AND PASSION) OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS IN AND FOR THE PROJECT/CAUSE

We want to encourage our congregation to get involved in mission projects and causes so they can experience the joy, peace and satisfaction that comes from living out our faith in service to others. Many church members are extremely passionate about specific causes such as peacemaking, homeless ministry, housing repair, service to the elderly, partnerships with churches in Third-World countries. Therefore, we will favor a project or organization if a church member is directly involved and willing to be an internal champion of that cause. These organizations and projects will be favored over simple requests for money, particularly if no one from the church is linked to that organization.

3-ABILITY TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE

The Mission and Service Committee receives countless funding requests and petitions for support. Even after narrowing funding requests according to the first two criteria, we still must often choose one organization over another. While we would love to fund all remaining organizations, the amount per group would be so small as to make no significant difference. Therefore, we favor projects and organizations where our contributions can truly make a difference rather than be a drop in the bucket of a national campaign.

4-OPPORTUNITY TO FOSTER SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN OUR MEMBERS AND CONGREGATION

Opportunities occasionally arise where a congregation member feels the call to serve and learn through association with a mission-oriented organization. As a result, we occasionally will sponsor individual members' participation in mission projects and trips. We also help sponsor CLUE Caravan and the Intergenerational Trip each year for the same reason. In these cases, the funds are offered with the expectation that the sponsored individual or group will share their experiences with the congregation, offering insights into what they have learned and how they have grown as a result of the experience.

5-ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION

We are called to be responsible stewards of our church's resources. As a result, we research requests for support to ensure the organization delivers on its mission promise