

Local Mission Giving and Receiving Donations Policy

Theological Foundation

God expects us to do that which is noble in the sight of all (Rom 12:17, 2 Cor 8:21), so that God might be glorified by our actions.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure high standards of honesty, transparency and integrity, within the Local Mission Executive Office, in the request for and use of funds raised and donated to the Local Mission departments.

Relevant to

The Policy and any related Procedures apply to:

- All Local Mission council, departmental and committee personnel; and
- All pastors, lay workers, employees, members and volunteers associated with the Local Mission departments.

Objectives

The objective of this policy is that all who hold positions of trust in Local Mission act with honesty, transparency and integrity at all times in the request for and use of donations by:

- Ensuring funds donated to Local Mission departments are:
 - Duly acknowledged
 - Traceable
 - Used for the purposes that they were gifted
- Ensuring that congregations and associated LCA bodies are accountable to the Council for Local Mission, via Committee grant protocols, for funds granted to the congregation or other LCA body

Policy Statement

In bringing God's love to life, the Church encourages high standards of honesty and integrity. The Council for Local Mission expects all who engage with the Local Mission Executive Office to:

- Be informed as to why donations are being sought
- Be informed as to the use of funds gifted to the Local Mission departments and Local Mission projects and activities
- Not solicit, receive or use donations for any personal purpose, whether for self, spouse, partner, friend or family member.

Procedural Principles

The application of this Policy will provide for clear communication in regard to:

- Transparency
- Equity
- Good stewardship
- Standards of ethical behaviour

Responsible person/s

- The Council for Local Mission (CLM) is responsible for ensuring compliance with this Policy across the Church.
- Members of the Local Mission committees and Local Mission department staff are responsible for application of this Policy and related Procedures.

Related Documents:

- Local Mission Giving and Receiving Donations Procedure
- Local Mission Annual Appeal Funds Allocation Procedure
- Local Mission Grants guidelines
 - Cross-Cultural Ministry Grants booklet
 - New and Renewing Churches Grants booklet
- LCA Standards of Ethical Behaviour
- LCA Gift Acceptance Policy
- LCA Complaints Handling policy

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