

COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSION

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. NAME

Committee for International Mission, referred to as “the Committee”.

2. RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHURCH

The Committee is an advisory committee of the Office of the Bishop and shall fulfil its responsibilities in keeping with the Constitution and the policies of the Church.

3. PURPOSE

The Committee shall provide advice which assists the Bishop of the Church and the Assistant to the Bishop – International Mission to strengthen, support and maintain the partnerships of the Church with overseas churches.

4. AUTHORITY

The Committee has no decision-making authority.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 The Committee shall consist of seven [7] members:
 - 5.2.1 the Bishop of the Church, who shall be the Chairperson;
 - 5.2.2 one [1] pastor with experience in international mission;
 - 5.2.3 one [1] member with relevant experience in the international mission context;
 - 5.2.4 one [1] member with relevant financial and program management expertise;
 - 5.2.5 one [1] member with a background in communications or a related field;
 - 5.2.6 one [1] member with experience and qualifications in education or related field; and
 - 5.2.7 one [1] member with experience in a cross-cultural context.
- 5.2 The Committee shall be appointed by the Bishop of the Church from recommendations by the Standing Committee on Nominations.
- 5.3 The Committee shall consist of people with a passion for mission and ministry.
- 5.4 The Committee shall include a mix of backgrounds and perspectives which, together with the relevant skills, qualifications and experience will enable the Committee to fulfil its role.
- 5.5 The term of appointment for all members will be for a Synodical term.
- 5.6 The Bishop of the Church may delegate the role of Chairperson to another member of the Committee, in consultation with the members of the Committee.
- 5.7 The Assistant to the Bishop – International Mission shall attend meetings of the Committee.
- 5.8 The Executive Officer – Local Mission shall attend meetings to maintain good collaboration between local mission and international mission.
- 5.9 Other persons involved in or interested in International Mission, its program and partners may be invited to bring their knowledge and experience to the meeting to assist in the deliberations of the Committee.

6. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS AND REPORTING

- 6.1 Meetings shall be convened by the Chairperson or, by delegation, the Assistant to the Bishop – International Mission.
- 6.2 It is at the discretion of the Committee to meet face-to-face, by electronic means, or by other means of communication.
- 6.3 Email correspondence may be used for the distribution of minutes, advisory information or approval of documentation.
- 6.4 The minutes of the meetings of the Committee shall be submitted to the Bishop of the Church.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 The Committee shall provide advice, support and encouragement to the Assistant to the Bishop – International Mission and the Bishop in the following areas:
 - 7.1.1 developing and maintaining a holistic approach to the international mission of the Church and mission partnerships;
 - 7.1.2 formulating the strategic priorities of the Church in respect to its selection of, engagement with, and accompaniment alongside, its international mission partners, which may include the placement of qualified personnel into mission-related overseas positions, as agreed with the partners of the Church;
 - 7.1.3 receiving updates and reviewing progress in the implementation of the programs and projects of, and other forms of accompaniment with international partners that may be entered into and supported by the Church from time to time;
 - 7.1.4 monitoring the well-being of the relationships of the Church with its international church partners;
 - 7.1.5 evaluating the effectiveness of programs which are supported by the Church, as well as to periodically review the well-being and future of the partnership itself;
 - 7.1.6 reviewing and monitoring the work and well-being of the International Mission Department staff; and
 - 7.1.7 providing support to the Bishop of the Church in the recruitment of the Assistant to the Bishop – International Mission.

8. REVIEW

- 8.1 The Terms of Reference for the Committee shall be reviewed during each Synodical term.
- 8.2 Any changes to the Terms of Reference shall be approved by the Bishop, upon review by the Standing Committee on Constitutions.