

**First Lutheran Church Global Missions Committee
Guidelines for Organization Partnership**

Application: These guidelines apply to organizations rather than to individuals.

I. Criteria for partnership from First Lutheran Church Global Missions Committee

- A. Organization must have sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ as a primary purpose.
- B. Organization must be in agreement with First Lutheran Church, in that:
 - 1. We confess the Triune God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. We confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.
 - 3. We accept canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and the authoritative source and norm of our proclamation, faith, and life.
 - 4. We accept the Apostle's Creed as a true declaration of faith.
- C. Organizations must be recommended, in writing, to FLC-GMC by a member(s) of FLC.
- D. Organization's purpose should be reviewed and acceptable to First Lutheran Church pastors.

II. Consideration of support

- A. First consideration will be given to organizations formed by First Lutheran Church or in which FLC is a member church.
- B. Second consideration will be given to organizations in which FLC members participate as officers, members or volunteers.
- C. Third consideration will be given to other organizations meeting the criteria.

III. Communication responsibilities

- A. Member(s) of FLC must be willing to serve as contact communicators between the organization and FLC-GMC.
- B. If appropriate in the organization, members for FLC should be allowed to be directors or members of the organization to improve direct communication and involvement. Directors or members of the organization who serve on FLC-GMC shall not vote on matters pertaining to said organization to avoid conflict of interest.
- C. The organization shall supply a regular report with the content and at the frequency specified by FLC-GMC.
- D. Organization must be willing to share its financial information, including administrative expense percentage, with FLC-GMC.
- E. Organization should include FLC in its regular communications.

IV. Support levels and timing

- A. Support will be granted on a year-to-year basis by FLC-GMC.
- B. FLC-GMC will attempt to provide continuity by maintaining its support of selected organizations rather than frequently switching organizations.
- C. Support will be paid annually, quarterly, or monthly depending on the level designated.
- D. Support will be dependent on the organization maintaining the status that obtained FLC-GMC approval initially and on the organization continuing communications.
- E. Funding will be determined based on available budget limitations.