

**Oakridge Community Church (OCC)
Mission's Committee Support Guideline**

The following serves as a general guide for the OCC Mission's Ministry Team. This will be used to evaluate missionary candidates who apply for spiritual and financial support from OCC:

1. **The applicant should submit a general overview of their ministry to the chair of the Mission's Committee.**
2. **The Missions Committee will discuss the proposed ministry and focus of the applicant in light of the following considerations:**
 - Does the proposed ministry align with OCC's vision and mission statements?
 - Vision Statement: to spread a joyful passion for the absolute, eternal supremacy of Jesus Christ in all things, to all peoples.
 - Mission Statement: to glorify God by delighting in, declaring, and displaying the gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - Does the ministry align with OCC's philosophy of missions?
 - Suggested definition of missions: An organized endeavor to further the global fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) by advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ among all tribes, languages, peoples, and nations of the world (Revelation 5:9).
 - See also OCC's *Driving Convictions behind World Missions* at www.oakridgecommunity.org/driving-convictions.
 - Are funds available in the mission's budget?
 - How many missionaries does OCC currently support?
 - OCC's desire is to support fewer numbers of people at a deeper level.
 - How strong is the relationship with OCC?
 - OCC members receive special consideration because of our responsibility as a church to support those we disciple and send as an extension of ourselves.
 - Relational grid (in order of priority):

1	OCC Members	Currently supported by OCC and actively serving
2	OCC Member	Interested in serving; mentored by & actively involved at OCC
3	OCC Non-Members	Currently supported by OCC and actively serving
4	OCC Non-Members	No/limited prior association with OCC

**OCC places a high priority on the support of individual mission workers over projects or organizations. This priority is rooted in OCC's desire to raise up, train and send out workers from among its own members. Projects and organizations may

be financially supported but would necessitate a relational link to OCC.**

- 3. After discussing the above considerations, the Mission's Committee will either inform the applicant that OCC cannot support them financially or will proceed to request further information. Additional information should include but is not limited to:**
 - Personal testimony
 - This should include the applicant's personal testimony of salvation, calling to ministry, and any relevant ministry experience.
 - Submission of a personal doctrinal statement
 - A clear explanation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - Testimony of local church involvement.
 - Detailed information about the missionary's organization (vision & mission, doctrinal statement, etc.)
 - Description of ministry placement, responsibilities, timeline
 - Total budget needs - one time & monthly
- 4. Once this information has been received and assessed, the Mission's Committee will conduct an interview with the applicant (in-person, phone or video call).**
- 4. Financial Support Determination:**
 - Missions Committee will share recommendations with elders (include summary of key info and suggested amount of financial support)
 - Elders will modify, approve or deny request
 - Missions Committee will communicate the decision to the mission worker

Financial Support Maintenance:

- All financial support commitments will be reviewed yearly in the OCC annual budgeting process.
- At any time, Oakridge reserves the right to end financial support commitments in situations where the supported missionary moves in a direction that is contrary to OCC's stated vision and convictions on missions. Situations may include but are not limited to: the transfer of the supported missionary to another mission agency with which OCC cannot align in good conscience, behavior in the supported missionary that is not above reproach and is incompatible with the cause of Christ, unfaithfulness in ministry, or significant ministry redirection.