

## FGMB LONG TERM MISSIONS Support Information

The Fort Garry Mennonite Brethren Church would like to encourage and assist church members who are active and regular attendees of the church who wish to participate in long-term mission opportunities (such as being a long term volunteer or staff person in a local or international Christian missions organization) to increase their understanding of God's work in the world, their own faith and the God we serve. This fund is our church's way of encouraging and affirming people who want to do long term missions service. A budget amount has been set aside for this fund in order to aid members interested in being a part of a long term missions opportunity.

Applicants interested in receiving funding from FGMB are invited to apply by filling out this form and sending it to the Missions Committee who will review and carefully consider each application.

### Applicant Eligibility:

- FGMB Member and an active, regular attendee of the church
- As recommended by council
- Active, full-time participation in a Christian organization, for example: MB Missions, MCC, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inner City Youth Alive, Pioneer Camp, Simonhouse Bible Camp - Your involvement with the organization must be longer than one year

### Application Process:

- The application for funds must include:
  - o Letter of reference from church pastoral staff, or member of the congregation
  - o Description of the service program (organization, length of time, types of activities, location)
  - o Description of the total cost of the program and amount needed and a description of how the applicant is planning to raise the funds (the recipient of this fund may send fundraising letters to individual church members)
- Application should be submitted three months prior to the beginning of the assignment

### Follow-up:

- Recipients of this fund may be requested to speak during a worship service or at another FGMB church meeting
- A letter describing your activities and ministry is requested at least twice per year so we can be praying for you
- The funding / support arrangement from FGMB will be reviewed at least every three years
- If your ministry calling is bi-vocational, then the financial support will be pro-rated based on the percentage time you are in the ministry.

### Funding Available:

- In general, the following formula will be followed:
  - o For service that is more than one year: up to \$5,000 per year (or as funds are available)
  - For service less than 1 year, please refer to the FGMB Short Term Missions Policy