

Woodbury Lutheran Church (WLC) – Board of World Missions (BWM) Guidelines for Support – Organizations

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 1:3-6

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

- I. Criteria for support
 - A. Organization must have sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ as a primary purpose.
 - B. Organization must be in agreement with Woodbury Lutheran Church, in that:
 1. We are saved by grace, through faith in Christ Jesus
 2. The Holy Scriptures are the inspired word of God and our authority
 - C. Organization must be recommended, in writing, to WLC-BWM by a member(s) of WLC.
 - D. Organization’s purpose should be reviewed and acceptable to Woodbury Lutheran Church pastors.

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

- III. Communication responsibilities
 - A. Member(s) of WLC must be willing to serve as contact communicators between the organization and WLC-BWM.
 - B. If appropriate in the organization, members for WLC should be allowed to be directors or members of the organization to improve direct communication and involvement.
 - C. The organization shall supply a regular report with the content and at the frequency specified by WLC-BWM. Lack of specified communication shall result in review of and possible withdrawal of support by WLC-BWM. Why? WLC-BWM is accountable to the congregation for how it supports and funds missions, since the monies come from the general offering. Regular communication is one way the Board can stay informed and accountable. The reporting process is not intended to be a burden to the organization. Instead it allows the organization opportunities to communicate about its work, successes, and challenges to our congregation. In this way, a better connection is made with the congregation, with the hope of developing additional prayer, involvement, and moral support.
 - D. Organization must be willing to share its financial information, including administrative expense percentage, with WLC-BWM.
 - E. Organization should include WLC in its regular communications.

IV. Support levels and timing

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