

# Application for Missions Support

## Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Ministry/Agency You Work For (or plan to work for):

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Describe the work you are (or will be) doing:

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How long do you plan on serving in this position?

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Attached is an "Essentials of Our Faith" document. Do you wholeheartedly agree with the doctrines promoted in this document?

Yes                  No                  (if No, please attach a written explanation)

Do you ascribe to a confession of faith or catechism? If so, indicate below. If you generally ascribe to a confession, but have some exemptions, please attach a document explaining any exemptions.

- The Westminster Confession of Faith
- Baptist Confession of 1687
- The Belgic Confession
- The Helvetic Confession
- The Heidelberg Catechism
- The Canons of Dordt
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- I don't subscribe to specific confession of faith

Are you a member of a church? Give the church name, address, phone number, and name of a primary contact person:

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What is your current anticipated monthly budget? What percentage of the support needed has been raised to date?

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**Please attach the following items:**

- A written summary of how you came to know Christ and the gospel (up to one page)
- A written testimony of why you believe you are called to this particular ministry vocation (up to one page)
- A written summary of your current ministry objectives
- Any helpful documentation about your sending church, agency, or institution
- A written answer to these questions: What accountability measures are in place for your ministry? Are you working with a team? Who do you report to? Who oversees your ministry, personal development, and character?
- *Three* letters of reference, at least one from a vocational ministry leader (a memo is attached for your references to read)

# Essentials of Our Faith

All Scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation we affirm these additional Essentials of our faith:

1. We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory and praise forever!
2. Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.
3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.
4. Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, thereby justifies them in His sight. Only such as are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life.
5. The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity; where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained. For her perfecting, she awaits the return of her Lord.
6. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth-personally, visibly, and bodily-to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20)
7. The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us." He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2:10)

## To Those Writing a Letter of Reference

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for agreeing to write this letter of reference.

At Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church, it is our aim to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us, especially in the area of missions. Your letter of reference will help us to more adequately consider this candidate for financial support.

As you write this letter of reference, please write an honest evaluation of the missions candidate based on the questions below. Don't feel a need to talk about areas of this candidate's life with which you are unfamiliar.

How strongly do you feel the candidate is a good match for his or her ministry position?

What giftings, training, or experiences does this candidate have that inform your opinion?

Do you believe the candidate can be described as a "team player"? Does he or she exhibit a desire to be accountable to others in their ministry work and character?

Keeping in mind texts like Colossians 3:1-17, James 3:1-12, and 1 Peter 5:1-5, does this candidate have any strengths of character that are noteworthy? Does this candidate have any weaknesses of character or sinful tendencies that might seriously impact their work on the mission field?

Is this candidate a good spiritual leader in his or her own home or family?

Thank you for providing these specific details.

God bless,

The CEPC Missions Committee