

Attachment # 1
Guidelines for Short-Term Mission Trip Support
Chinese Community Church of Indianapolis (CCCI)

1. Purpose

To encourage members of the CCCI and their children and youth groups to participate in the outreach mission both at home and abroad.

- A. Develop missions skills, mission-mindedness, and cross-cultural experience among our congregation while supporting the needs in the mission fields.
- B. Develop teamwork among teammates and sponsors.
- C. Deepen personal faith through the personal sacrifice of finances and time for God's Kingdom.
- D. Prepare for a long-term commitment to missions.

2. Type of short-term mission (STM)

STM should be a team organized by CCCI, a mission organization, or along with a missionary. The STM can be the following types in the following order of priorities:

- A. Evangelism outreach activities (VBS, Christian camps, etc.)
- B. Discipleship training and Bible teaching (assigned/approved by CCCI Mission Committee)
- C. Mission field visit of missionaries supported by CCCI
- D. Christian relief work

C. Type of organizations

Any evangelical mission organization involved in outreach, children, youth, missionary or Christian relief ministries at home and abroad.

D. Financial subsidy for short-term mission trips

- A. Applications for subsidy should be submitted to the Mission Committee (MC) of CCCI at least 30 days before departure
- B. Application for financial subsidy must be approved by the Mission Committee of CCCI.
- C. Financial assistance may be provided to CCCI members. The support will be no more than 40% of the total STM related expenses and not to exceed \$1,000 per person per year when funds are available.
- D. Financial assistance may be provided to youth and college students who were active in the life of CCCI with endorsement by consensus of the pastoral staff*. The support will be no more than 40% of the total STM related expenses and not to exceed \$500 per person per year when funds are available.
- E. Each applicant or team must submit a written post-trip reflection to the MC within one month of his/her/their return.
- F. Applicants are encouraged to seek prayer and, optionally, financial support from the congregation. Checks of donation should be made to CCCI and designated for specified Support Fund. The specific support shall be decided and recommended by the Mission Committee and approved by Deacons Board.

- G. Applicants may take personal side trips before and/or after the STM, as long as it does not affect the STM. Church shall provide CCCI members up to 40% of the cost of the STM related expenses only. Side trip expenses will not be covered by the church. Generally, personal side trips should not last longer than the STM.
- H. Missionaries receiving monthly support from CCCI are not eligible for mission trip subsidies.

* The pastoral team will: 1. Ask whether the candidate is currently involved in any Christian ministry while on campus, and if so, request at least one reference from the pastor, mentor, or Navigator or Campus Crusade counselor. 2. Contact the provided reference to clarify if the student has the genuine commitment or any moral concerns. 3. Ask the candidate to provide two Christian friends who can pray for his or her short-term mission.