

Guidelines for Financial Support of Mission Travel and Projects

Northeastern Ohio Synod Global Mission Committee
June 2008

The Global Mission Committee of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is committed to encourage and assist the congregations of the synod to actively support global mission. We seek to accomplish this through global mission education, serving as advocates for churchwide Global Mission Events, providing guidance and support for congregations planning global mission trips and projects, and encouraging the work of the Companion Synod subcommittee as it provides guidance for the partner relationships between congregations of our synod and the Northern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa.

The ELCA is committed to an accompaniment model for mission. This model emphasizes the building of ongoing relationships with the giving and receiving of unique gifts. Learning from each other and sharing the joys and challenges of ministry helps to bridge cultural divides and joins people in Christian fellowship. (For more information about this model, go to: http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/CSH_English_2014.pdf)

These guidelines serve as an aid to the Global Mission Committee of the Northeastern Ohio Synod in its distribution of limited financial resources. As the committee reviews grant requests it may draw on resources from First Fairport Harbor Endowment, Northeastern Ohio Synod budgeted funds (allotted to the Global Mission Committee), or other funds made available to the Global Mission Committee in the future. Financial support from the Global Mission Committee may be used to help with travel and expenses related to carrying out proposed mission projects.

Trips to our companion synod are funded through the Companion Synod Sub-committee. Travel and/or projects related to the Northern Diocese of Southern Africa should be referred to the subcommittee for review. Contact Mary Ann Schwabe, staff liaison, or The Rev. A. Wallace Anderson, subcommittee convener, for more information.

Priority will be given to new trips/projects that are not part of existing projects, groups, or organizations. Priority will also be given to trips/projects that build relationships and encourage self-sufficiency rather than provide only temporary relief.

Applicants must:

- **be members in good standing of an ELCA congregation in the Northeastern Ohio Synod**
- **complete the attached “Request for Financial Support” form (available at <http://www.neos-elca.org/Forms & Documents.htm> or from the synod office)**
- **return the “Request for Financial Support” form to:**
Northeastern Ohio Synod
Attn: The Rev. Judy McGuire, Global Mission Committee Chair
1890 Bailey Rd
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221-5259

Request for Financial Support

from the Northeastern Ohio Synod Global Mission Committee

June 2008

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ work: _____ cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Name and location of congregation: _____

Date and location of mission trip/project: _____

Amount requested from NEOS Global Mission Committee: \$ _____

(grants are normally no greater than \$500)

Describe your trip/project. Please include its purpose, goals, and total expected costs, along with your intended preparations and follow-up upon completion of the trip/project.

How did you determine that this trip/project is needed and welcomed by those whom you seek to serve?

Is this trip/project associated with any other ongoing projects, groups or organizations? If so, please list:

What other sources of funding have you explored?

Have you been in contact with the ELCA Global Mission Unit regarding your trip/project and the resources which may be available to you? If so, please summarize:

What will be your ongoing relationship with the people you meet and serve at the conclusion of this trip/project?

Would you be willing to share your experiences with congregations or interested groups in the synod?