

SLOUGH BAPTIST CHURCH POLICY	Mission Link Giving Policy
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Primary Responsibility:	Chair of Mission Links Team
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1. Introduction

The church has an aim as part of its wider mission within the world to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus locally, nationally and internationally. As part of this aim the church has a Mission Links Team that:

1. Identifies and recommends missions for the church to support that come within the purpose statement of the church.
2. Encourages the Church to support these missions both financially and spiritually.
3. Recommends to the Church Members which of these missions will be supported financially annually.
4. Gives ad-hoc donations to those identified for annual financial support and to others that further the church's aims.

This policy sets out the process, composition of the Mission Links Team and financial authority delegated to the team, to meet the aims of the Church to share the Gospel of Jesus. The policy aims to enable prompt response to mission needs whilst maintaining accountability to the Trustees and the Church.

2. Composition of Mission Links Team

The Mission Links Team will consist of the following:

1. The Mission Links Team will contain between four and eight people.
2. Being a Member of the Church is not a prerequisite for being able to serve on the Mission Links Team, but the majority will be Church Members.
3. The Chair of the Mission Links Team will be a Church Member and at least one member of the team will be a Trustee of the Church.

4. Members of the Mission Links Team would be expected to serve on the team for at least one year.
5. New members of the Mission Links Team will be agreed by the Chair and current members.

3. Funding for Mission

The Mission Links Team will be allocated a funding limit for the year by the Church Treasurer, which will be agreed and recorded at one of the Church's Members' meetings. This will be allocated to the Mission Fund for the year.

The Mission Fund also includes any additional money given expressly to the Mission Fund.

The Mission Fund does not include any money given directly to a specified mission from the congregation (e.g. if a mission is the cause of the month).

4. Regular Giving

The Mission Links Team will:

1. Identify and agree causes / organisations for regular giving.
2. Allocate the amount of regular giving to the causes / organisations.
3. Submit these recommendations to the Church AGM for agreement by the Members.

5. Ad-hoc Giving

The Mission Links Team is provided with financial delegated authority by the Members for ad-hoc giving within the following limits:

1. If the Mission Links Team wish to give a sum up to £1500 to a cause / organisation, no further authorisation is needed as long as the Church Trustee on the Mission Links Team agrees.
2. If the Church Trustee on the Mission Links Team does not agree to a sum of £1500 or less to be given, but the rest of the Mission Links Team do, then the request will be referred to the next Church Trustees' meeting for agreement.
3. If the Mission Links Team wish to give a sum greater than £1500, they will refer the request to the Church Trustees for agreement.
4. If the Church Trustees do not agree to a Mission Links Team request that has been referred to them, then the Mission Links Team can go to the next Church Members' Meeting and ask the Members to consider and vote on the request.

6. Reporting of Mission Link Giving

The Trustee on the Mission Links Team will report to the Trustees Meeting on request:

1. The status of the regular giving.
2. The status any ad-hoc giving, detailing each cause / organisation and amount.
- 3 Any Mission Links Team membership changes.

This update on mission giving will be reported at the next Church Members' meeting after the Trustees meeting where it has been discussed.