A Global Missions Policy for

st johns maroubra
ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Going into Maroubra and **beyond** with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in obedience to the God who has sent his children into all the world*

Introduction

The purpose of this living policy document, which will be reviewed annually, is to provide clear guidelines for St John's in its God-given mission to bring the gospel of Christ to people beyond the immediate parish boundaries, complementing its mission to the people of Maroubra. This will involve:

1. Giving formal structure to our missions committee, known as the **Global Missions Team**, and defining its responsibilities and reporting requirements.
2. Defining a clear **Global Missions Strategy** that is integrated into the life and teaching program of the church as a whole.
3. Establishing a process by which St John's can develop strategic relationships with **Local and Global Missions Partners** for the sake of the gospel.
4. Setting a two-tier framework to guide any future **Short-Term Missions** (privately funded, or fully church-funded).
5. Establishing appropriate financial processes for setting an annual **Global Missions Budget.**

1. The Global Missions Team (GMT)

- The team will consist of five to ten members including the chair.
- All members will be appointed by parish council for a period of two years. Meetings will be held every two months.
- The chair will report quarterly to parish council and will submit a missions budget for the following calendar year in time for the November parish council meeting. **The primary responsibilities of GMT members include**:
    a. planning a missions education program and resourcing services.
    b. pastoral care of local and global missions partners.
    c. planning and follow-up of short-term missions, annual budget submission.
    d. identification and training of mission candidates.
    e. planning and implementing a program of prayer for mission.

2. Global Missions Strategy

- The guiding principles of **Pray, Care, Give and Go** are foundational for our Global Missions Strategy and reflect biblical priorities for mission (**P** – Matt. 9:37-8, Rom. 15:29-31, Eph. 6:19 **C** – Phil. 4:10, 2 Cor. 8:1-3, Phil. 2:25, **G**- 1 Cor. 16:3, 2 Cor. 8:19-21, Phil. 4:17, **G** - Gen. 12:1-3, John 20:20-22, Luke 24:46-7, 2 Cor. 5:16-21). These four principles will shape all our actions in our relationships with our Global and Local Missions Partners (see below).
- In terms of support for Global and Local Missions Partners, priority will be given to members of St John's whom God raises up/ has raised up for a distinct ministry that has been confirmed within the context of the body at Maroubra.
- Priority will be given to partners bringing the gospel to unreached people-groups.
- Suggestions for new partnerships should be brought to the chair of GMT and the senior pastor.
- For 2012, a key focus area for our missions education program will be that all believers have been sent.

3. Global (and Local) Missions Partners

- Rob and Arabelle Horne: link missionaries in Germany with CMS - **Pray, Care, Give**
- Tabatha and David Broxholme: link missionaries in China with CMS – **Pray, Care, Give**
- Mark and Annette Bennett at the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - **Pray, Care**
  As a church, we are committed to praying for God to secure the Christian character of the hospital through the training of local Ethiopians as chaplains and the establishment of a centre for pastoral education an the hospital.
- International Care Ministries (ICM) in the Philippines. **Pray, Care, Give, Go**
  In 2008, two of our members went to the Philippines to help run a two week gospel mission to children. The Philippines may be a future short-term mission destination.
- Personal Helpers and Mentors Scheme (PHAMS). **Pray, Care, Go**
  Anglicare uses the church hall as a base one day a week to help people recovering from mental illness develop skills to reintegrate into the community and through fellowship with Christians at St John's, have the opportunity to come into relationship with Christ.
- Colin Sheehan, Chaplain at Long Bay Correctional Facility – **Pray, Care, Give**
  Colin began as a chaplain at Long Bay in the latter half of 2010. St John's is praying for Colin and his family and is looking to facilitate his ministry and partner with him in any way we can for God's glory.
- Stuart Adamson, Chaplain at the Prince of Wales and Randwick Hospitals Campus – **Pray, Care, Give, Go**
  People from parishes in the area serve as volunteer chaplains visiting patients in the hospitals.

4. Short-Term Missions

Any plans for new short-term missions (STMs) are to be discussed with the senior pastor, the associate pastor and GMT. Application forms provide an opportunity for some careful planning, and are available from the website or the chair of GMT. The church has a two-tiered system to accommodate:

1) short-term missions which are largely funded by private individuals (IFSTMs) and
2) those funded largely by the church (CFSTMs)

In relation to IFSTMs, the senior pastor, the chair of GMT and the associate pastor together have the discretion to judge whether it is appropriate for an IFSTM to be associated with the church. (An IFSTM team of 11 members of St. John's was sent to Cambodia and Thailand in mid-2008 with the oversight of Habitat for Humanity and Christ Church Bangkok. In 2011, one of our members is going to the Philippines to help ICM on the ground there, and in 2012, another will be going on an IFSTM teaching in Ethiopia.)

However, for CFSTMs, a mission proposal will be appraised against the stated goals of the global missions strategy at **2.**, above. Other factors taken into consideration will be the goals of the mission and the Christian maturity of the team members and its leadership.

5. Global Missions Budget

- Each year the financial equivalent of an average weekly offertory is given to CMS.
- Each year half an average weekly offering is given to ANGLICARE to support chaplaincy services.
- Currently, another half of an average weekly offering has yet to be allocated.
- Where a short-term mission team wishes seek funding from the church, the issue is to be discussed at parish council level.
- Requests for planned funding related to global missions should be made to the chair of GMT who will present a budget submission to parish council in time for their November meeting.
- Once-off requests are to be made to the chair of GMT, who will consult with parish council and the treasurer.

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