

CROSS CULTURAL COMMISSION

PURPOSE: TO OBEY JESUS' COMMAND TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS BY PROMOTING, EDUCATING, SENDING, AND SUPPORTING MINISTRIES TO CULTURES NEAR AND FAR.

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GENERAL PROGRAM

I. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMISSION

1. The Biblical Foundation, Matthew 28:18-20, John 20:21

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

2. The Statement of Purpose

To obey Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations by promoting, educating, sending, and supporting ministries to cultures near and far.

3. The Structure

The Chairperson, appointed by the Administrative Council annually, will be responsible for conducting the meetings of the commission.

4. Members of this commission

Three (3) additional members appointed by the Chairperson and approved by Administrative Council to serve for a period of one (1) year according to their interest and giftedness. An effort should be made to cover each of the Regional Districts on the commission. Additional persons may be asked to serve if/as needed.

II. MISSIONS AND VALUES

1. Promote Cross Cultural Ministries via Conference-wide events, such as conference wide mission Sunday.
2. Establish a network of "mission's advocates" representing each congregation, who will serve as that congregation's liaison with the Allegheny Region Cross Cultural Commission.
3. Assist local churches in developing "mission teams", groups who will help implement missions and educate congregations regarding missions and promote short-term mission outreach.
4. Encourage ongoing cooperation with Cross Cultural Ministries from the CGGC.
5. Provide Mission Scholarships each year to persons who need assistance to go on an ACTS Team or short term Mission Team Trip. (See the updated Information Sheet available with the application.)

III. TASKS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

1. Publications – Promote CGGC and CCM Publications.
2. Challenge each church to have a Missions advocate and communicate with Advocate Network.

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SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

The Supplemental Material contains additional information pertaining to the Commission's area of responsibility. This material is changed only when it is deemed necessary. This additional information may be in the form of established guidelines and/or requirements for a particular program, report forms, evaluation forms, questionnaires or etc.

**INFORMATION AND POLICIES GOVERNING MISSION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
OFFERED BY THE ALLEGHENY REGION CONFERENCE**

The Cross Cultural Commission of the Allegheny Region is making available \$1,000.00 (with the maximum up to \$500.00 per applicant) for Scholarships each year from the Mission Trip Fund for either ACTS Team Ministry or a Short Term Mission Trip (with priorities for first time) by any youth or adult, who are members of a local congregation within the Allegheny Region. Such person must show a genuine interest in serving Christ by using their gifts, skills and talents to advance the Kingdom of God. Applications must be submitted by February 1st of each year.

Applicant must be approved for an ACTS Team ministry, a Short Term Mission Trip, or a local regional mission trip. The Allegheny Region Cross Cultural Commission will work with the Director/Associate Director of the General Conference Cross Cultural Commission or the local congregation concerning the applicant.

Applicant must abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the policies of the said above agencies. The Allegheny Region will not be responsible for any violation of the rules, regulations or misconduct that may occur when on such a trip.

Each applicant will be considered on the basis of the date the application was submitted as well as applicants' basis of need and their inability to raise the needed funds for said trip. The award of the scholarship will be determined by the members of the Cross Cultural Commission and duly notified whether they have been approved or not.

Persons interested in an ACTS Teams or short-term mission trip may request information and an application form from the Conference Office or by contacting the Cross Cultural Commission Chairperson.

Address: Allegheny Region CGGC, Attn. CCM, PO Box 756, Latrobe, PA 15650

**Scholarship Application for Mission Trips
Cross Cultural Commission**

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Age (Must be at least 16) _____

Email _____

Cell phone _____

Home phone _____

Church _____

Pastor _____

Member? Yes _____ No _____

Why are you applying for a scholarship for a mission trip?

So that we can know you better, please answer the following:

1. How are you involved in your local congregation? _____
2. Why do you want to serve on an ACT's Team or Short Term Mission Trip? _____
3. What kinds of ministry have you served either in the local church, and/or the ARC Conference level or other Christian Ministries? _____

Have you made an application for an ACTS Team ministry or with the General Conference Cross Cultural Commission for a Short Term Mission Trip? _____

Have you been approved for an ACTS Team or Short Term Mission Trip? _____

(Applicant must agree to and abide by the Short Term Mission Policy of the General Conference)

If a Scholarship is awarded to you it will be awarded on the basis of need with the maximum of \$500 as approved by the Cross Cultural Commission.

A recommendation from your church Pastor and signed by him must accompany this application.

Applicants signature _____

If applicant is under 18, Parents Signature _____

Pastor's Signature _____

**Please complete application and send to: Allegheny Region Conference, PO Box 756, Latrobe, PA 15650
Mark: Attn. CCM**