

**Draft - Process for Involvement of Woodbury Lutheran Church Members
In Mission Support Decisions**

Goal: to increase among our congregation members awareness, knowledge and spiritual support for world missions.

1. Members submit written recommendations to Woodbury Lutheran Church's Board of World Missions for Missionaries or Mission Organizations for consideration.
2. Board determines if recommended missionary or organization meet the guidelines for support. More information may be required from requester either in writing, in discussion with a board member or by meeting with the board, at the board's discretion.
3. Pastoral staff reviews Statement of Faith of the support or sending organization through which funds will be provided.
4. Congregational meetings are held to involve WLC members in support decisions.
 - a) Short informational presentations are made on all current and proposed missionaries and mission organizations.
 - b) Meeting attendees are surveyed by ballot
 - For current missionaries and organizations, members respond on each to:
 - Expand financial support (not a choice for missionaries at guideline maximum)
 - Continue level of financial support
 - Reduce level of financial support
 - Phase out financial support.
 - For newly proposed missionaries and organizations, members respond on each to:
 - Support proposed missionary or organization
 - Do not support proposed in the coming year
5. Board uses the survey as the "voice of the congregation" in setting the next year's budget.
 - a) Determine new funding available in the upcoming budget.
 - b) Sequence entities by the number of votes to increase support (including new requests) minus the number of votes to decrease funding. (For missionaries at guideline maximum funding, maintain level votes are counted to offset decrease votes.)
 - c) Each entity is considered in sequence for increased funding; the amount of increase will depend on funds available and number of entities voted to increase and initiate.
 - d) Each entity with a net negative vote should be considered for decreasing, up to 1/3 of funding with a \$5000 maximum per year.
 - e) Career missionaries sent by WLC will not be decreased in the next budget year, if voted for decrease the funding change will be made after the current commitment period to allow missionary more time to find new funding sources.
 - f) Publish proposed changes to congregation for member's reaction.
 - g) Board will determine if additional meeting(s) should be held to resolve issues.
6. Board of World Missions presents budget to council and voters in normal approval process.