



Ebenezer Mennonite Church

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Missionary Application

Dear Missionary,

We are very pleased that you have expressed interest in becoming a part of our Missionary Support Team. Our church exists to help fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ to “make disciples of all the nations.” We recognize that realistically our members cannot physically go into all these nations, consequently we view our missionaries as extensions of our ministry in locations to which we cannot readily go.

It is our fervent desire to be the best stewards of the resources God has given us. Because there are more requests and more opportunities than we can possibly support, we must carefully consider each candidate to determine whether their ministry is in line with our ministry goals and our doctrinal position.

We ask you to follow these steps to facilitate the process of joining our Missionary Support Team.

- ✓ Carefully read our “Missionary Guidelines sheet” and our “Statement of Faith”.
- ✓ Fill out our “Missionary Personal Data Form” and “Missionary Belief Questionnaire” located in this document. Please type this information, if possible, or be sure to write legibly.
- ✓ Sign the “Statement of Agreement” if you find you can agree to our guidelines and are in full agreement with our “Statement of Faith”.
- ✓ Attach the doctrinal statement of your Mission Board.
- ✓ Email all above documents to info@ebenezymennonite.org.
- ✓ Make an appointment with the Missions Committee for an interview (if you have not already had one.) This can also be accomplished by emailing the above address.

Please be aware that it is possible that we may have a desire to support your ministry and find we may not be able. Our budget for missionary support is determined by the amount of our “Faith Promise Offering” taken during our Missionary Conference in November. That figure is then submitted to the congregation for budget approval the following February at our annual meeting. So it may be some time before you hear a definitive answer from us. Please know that **we want to support missionaries!**

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to getting to know you and learn more of your ministry. God bless you and use you in His service.

--The Ebenezer Mennonite Church Missions Committee



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Missionary Guidelines

(Condensed from the *Missions Committee Policy*)

Who we are:

- Ebenezer Mennonite Church is involved in ministries at home and abroad which emphasize evangelism, discipling, church planting, and church development. We also participate in ministries which meet other human needs.

Missionaries we support:

- Ebenezer Mennonite Church will support missionaries who are with a mission board belonging to IFMA or a comparable organization. Missionaries must be in agreement with the statement of faith of Ebenezer Mennonite Church.

New candidates:

- A missionary application form for support will be completed and submitted to the missions committee along with a signed copy of Ebenezer's "Statement of Faith" and doctrinal statement of the Mission Board.

Amount of support:

- The support of each missionary or missionary couple will not be less than \$100/month, and not more than 50% of the total personal support needed.
- Revisions in support will be determined by the need of the missionary and our ability to meet the need.

When support begins

- Support will begin when the missionary leaves for the field, or earlier, as determined by the missions committee.

Requirements of missionaries

- Solicitation: The Ebenezer Mennonite Church-supported missionary may not actively solicit additional support from individuals or groups in the church. This does not preclude information on support needs that is circulated to the missionary's general mailing list.
- Communication: The missions committee requires a personal, news or prayer letter at least quarterly for effective prayer support.
- Yearly reaffirmation of faith and statement of need: The missions committee requires that the Statement of Faith and doctrinal questionnaire be completely yearly for financial support to be continued. This will be sent via email along with a questionnaire allowing for current needs and support levels to be communicated.
- Furlough: We may request that a visit to Ebenezer be included in the furlough itinerary. During furlough an interview with representatives from the missions committee will be scheduled to provide an opportunity to "report" and evaluate results of the ministry and future plans. Ebenezer missionaries will be evaluated based primarily upon reports from the missionary throughout his term, a self— evaluation by the missionary while on furlough, and a report from the mission board.



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Termination of support

- Support may be terminated for causes such as change of assignment or agency affiliation, deviation from Ebenezer Mennonite Church's statement of faith, specific incompetence, moral problems, or failure to fulfill responsibility to Ebenezer Mennonite Church.

Retirement

- Support of an active missionary going on retirement will continue to the end of an entitled furlough or by mission board rule. It is expected that the mission board will provide a retirement program for its missionaries.



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Statement of Faith

1. We believe the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are the divinely inspired Word of God. This inspiration extends through every word of the original writings (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21). We believe the Bible is God's complete and final revelation of Himself to man (Proverbs 30:5, 6, Revelation 22:18, 19) and is the supreme authority in all matters pertaining to Christian faith and life (John 14:21, Joshua 1:8, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
2. We believe in one infinitely perfect God who exists eternally and equally in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4, John 10:30, Acts 5:3-4, John 1:1, 14, Titus 2:13).
3. We believe Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:27, 35) and is in one person true God and true man (Matthew 1:23, 1 Timothy 3:16). He lived a sinless life (2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 4:15), died on the cross as the substitute for our sins (Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 15:3, Hebrews 12:2, 1 Peter 3:18), arose bodily from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3-6) and ascended into heaven where, at the right hand of the Father, He is now our High Priest and Advocate (Acts 1:9, Hebrews 8:1, 1 John 2:1).
4. We believe in the existence of Satan (1 Peter 5:8). He is the ultimate source of all sin and the embodiment of all evil (John 8:44). He leads a host of fallen angels against God, the Church and all mankind (Ephesians 6:12) who tempt the believer to sin (1 John 3:8, 1 Peter 5:8). He accuses the believer in the presence of God (Revelation 12:10, Job 1:7-11) and, having been defeated at the cross (Hebrews 2:14), will himself finally be cast into the Lake of Fire forever (Revelation 20:10).
5. We believe mankind was made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27) which places special value on them. However, this image was marred by sin as a result of Satan tempting Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, which then infected mankind. Because of this sin nature, mankind sins and, (Romans 3), by this choice, is separated from God. Sin brings forth both physical and spiritual death (Genesis 3:19, Romans 6:23). Mankind is incapable of restoring his relationship with his Creator. Salvation is fully a work of the grace of God brought about through Christ's shedding of blood, death on the cross, and resurrection from the grave and realized on man's part by faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ (Titus 3:4-6, John 3:5, 16). Because of what Jesus has done for us through His sacrifice on the cross and not what we do, our salvation is secure. (John 5:24, 1 John 5:11-13).



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6. We believe the Lord Jesus Christ died as a sacrifice for the sins of all men (Isaiah 53:5-6, 1 Peter 3:18), and all who receive Him as Savior by faith are born again into the family of God (John 1:12, 3:5-7, 5:24, Romans 10:9-10, Ephesians 2:8, 9) and on the grounds of His shed blood are forgiven, justified and possess the assurance of eternal life (John 10:28-29, Romans 8:35-39, Ephesians 1:7, Philippians 1:6, 1 John 5:11-13). Jesus is the only way a person can enter into a relationship with God. (John 14:6)

7. We believe it is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Son (John 16:14). At the moment of salvation the Holy Spirit indwells every believer (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Galatians 4:6) and baptizes them into the body of Christ which is His Church (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). He is the Divine Comforter, available to all Christians to guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and effective service by sovereignly bestowing various spiritual gifts upon all believers (John 16:13, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:13-14, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 1 Peter 4:10). We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit takes place at the time of conversion and is the act of placing the believer into the body of Christ, but is not a second work of grace. It is different from the filling of the Holy Spirit which is an ongoing process that may occur at any time in the believer's life. Neither of these aspects is normally accompanied by unusual signs such as speaking in tongues (1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 5:18).

8. We believe in the Great Commission and making disciples, "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." (Matthew 28:19-20). All who respond and are born again in this age comprise the true Church of Jesus Christ. All born-again believers are members of the true Church and therefore are eligible for membership in this local Church (Ephesians 2:17-22). We believe during this present dispensation of grace (Ephesians 3:2), two ordinances are enjoined upon the Church, baptism and the Lord's Supper (Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 6:3-4, 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Galatians 3:26-27). Baptism is for those who have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and marks them as His disciples. (Matthew 28:19, 20)

9. We believe in the personal, visible, pre-tribulation rapture and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:13-18, Revelation 19:11-16), and in His millennial reign upon the earth (Zechariah 14:9, Revelation 20:1-6).

10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust (John 5:28-29), the saved to everlasting life and joy in the presence of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:51-54, Revelation 21:1-4), and the unsaved to judgment and everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:41, 46, Revelation 20:11-15).



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11. We believe that God wonderfully and unchangeably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person (Genesis 1:27, Genesis. 5:2). We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive, lifelong union, as laid out in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:18-24, Matthew 19:4-9, I Thessalonians 4:3). We believe that Holy Scripture grants two life-enhancing options for human sexual behavior: (1) the conjugal "one flesh" marital union of one man and one woman and (2) celibacy. Either is a gift from God, given as He wills for his glory and the good of those who receive and rejoice in His gift to them. Celibacy and faithful singleness is to be celebrated and affirmed within this church (Genesis 2:18, 21-24, Matthew 19:10-12, I Corinthians 7:1-8). We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography, and attempting to change one's biological sex or otherwise acting upon and disagreement with one's biological sex) is sinful and offensive to God (Exodus 20:14, Leviticus 18:7-23, Leviticus 20:10-21, Deuteronomy 5:18, Matthew 15:19, Matthew 5:27-28, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-20, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 13:4, Galatians 5:19, Ephesians 4:17-19, Colossians 3:5).

12. We believe that God has created mankind in his own image (Imago Dei) and that human life is sacred, beginning at fertilization and ending at natural death. God, in His infinite sovereignty, uniquely formed human beings and gave them a special dignity, personal freedom, and individual accountability among all the works of creation. Human beings have been made for relationship with God and to be faithful stewards of creation. God created each person's inmost being, knitting each person together in his/her mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13). As God's individualized and personal creation, each person is fearfully made. (Psalm 139:14). God has ordained all the days of each person's life before they came to be. (Psalm 139:16).

13. We believe that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and should seek redemption through confession, repentance, baptism and faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:1-10).



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Name:		Date:
Address:		
Email:	Phone:	Fax:
Home Church:		Phone:
Address:		
Reference from home church:		Phone:
Mission board:		
Address:		
Website:	Phone:	Fax:
Field of Service:		
Years of service:	Type of Ministry:	
What total monthly support does your mission board require for the field of your choice? \$		
Does this amount include allowances for furlough? Yes No		For medical fund? Yes No
For travel fund? Yes No	Other expenses? Yes No	Number of supporting churches:
How much monthly support do you have pledged at this point?		Number of individual supporters:
If this is your first term, what is your target departure date?		My next furlough is due:
List the names, ages, birthdays of all family members, including your own, and place of residence if other than with you (unmarried).		
Are you willing to correspond quarterly to keep us informed of your needs, prayer requests and answers to prayer? Yes No		



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Missionary Belief Questionnaire

Dear Friend: Kindly answer every question as fully as possible. This questionnaire is prepared to help update the Missions Committee on where you stand on certain issues. You may, if desired, answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Describe your belief regarding the security of the believer.
2. Describe your belief regarding Salvation. Describe how you would lead someone to faith.
3. Describe your belief regarding the Scripture.
4. Describe your belief regarding God (and the Trinity).
5. Describe your belief regarding Jesus Christ.
6. Describe your belief regarding the empowering of the Holy Spirit for effectual service.
7. Describe your belief regarding water baptism.



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8. Describe your belief regarding the practice of speaking in tongues and other sign gifts.

9. Describe your belief regarding the punishment of unbelievers.

10. Describe your belief regarding the reality of hell.

11. Describe your belief regarding Satan.

12. Describe your belief regarding the Bible's teaching on the millennial reign of Christ.

13. Describe your belief regarding the rapture of the Church.

14. Describe your belief regarding the resurrection of both the just and the unjust.

15. Describe your belief regarding men and women.



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Statement of Agreement

I have read the enclosed “Statement of Faith” of the Ebenezer Mennonite Church and am in full agreement with it and am in harmony with the intent and purpose of the document. In addition, I have read and am willing to abide by the principles of the “Missionary Guidelines” of the church.

Name (print)

Signature

Date

Spouse name (print)

Spouse Signature

Date