



CHRISTIAN REFORMED

WORLD
MISSIONS

World Missions Advocate

Role

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of CRWM Missions Advocates is to encourage their congregations to develop and deepen their passion for global missions. The Missions Advocate is to be a catalyst in the area of international missions and act as a communication link between members of the local congregation and World Missions.

II. APPOINTMENT

The Missions Advocate is appointed by the local church and is accountable to the church's leadership for carrying out their church's plans for global ministry. This existing or emerging leader should have a heart for missions, be a team player, and have time available to invest in the congregation's global ministry. The church's leadership is expected to notify the congregation and CRWM (through the Regional Missions Mobilizer) of the Mission Advocate's appointment.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

Missions Advocates are asked to maintain good connections with key decision-makers in the congregation in order to fulfill the responsibilities below and may choose to be involved in those additional possibilities listed as "How Tos."

A. Missionary Visits

Schedule home service visits of missionaries supported by the church. The missionary's visit can include activities such as:

1. Preaching or speaking in worship services
2. Visits with the pastor, council, and/or missions committee

B. Prayer Support

Encourage and build up prayer support for missions. This can be done by:

1. Distributing missionary prayer letters and other mission prayer items to the congregation or publishing portions in the church newsletter
2. Encouraging the pastor to pray for partner missionaries and providing updated information

C. Care Support

Encourage the care and support of missionaries while on the field and on home service. This can be done in a number of ways including the meeting missionaries when they come on home service and making them feel at home when they visit your church.

D. Financial Support

Encourage support for missions by establishing or promoting any of the following:

1. Relationships with particular missionaries or projects.
2. A special offering on Pentecost Sunday
3. Ministry shares giving

E. Resources

Order resources from World Missions and make them available to the church leaders and members

F. Promotions

Regularly promote missions in the church through the use of the following:

1. Posting an 8x10 photo of the congregation's missionaries where available
2. Distributing missionary prayer cards and brochures
3. Advocating a special Pentecost missions celebration making use of CRWM supplied materials

G. Recruitment

Identify and encourage younger members of the congregation to become advocates for international missions.

IV. RELATIONSHIP TO CHRISTIAN REFORMED WORLD MISSIONS

The Missions Advocate is assisted, informed and encouraged by the Regional Missions Mobilizer for their region. (The Church Relations office communicates with the Missions Advocate with follow up often assigned to the RMM.)

V. LENGTH OF SERVICE

Mission Advocates serve as long as is mutually agreeable to the church, the Mission Advocate and World Missions. For effective communications, it is preferable to have Mission Advocates commit themselves to a period of at least two years. When a Mission Advocate concludes service, notice should be provided to the Regional Missions Mobilizer or the Church Relations Office.



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HOW TO's FOR A World Missions Advocate

A. Missionary Visits

Schedule home service visits of missionaries supported by the church. These can include both formal and informal visits such as:

- 🌐 *Making presentations to Sunday School classes or other groups*
- 🌐 *Fellowship time, coffee, congregational pot lucks and picnics*
- 🌐 *Home visits with individual members or small groups*
- 🌐 *Facilitate visits to local schools both Christian and public*

B. Prayer Support

Encourage and build up prayer support for missions. This can be done by:

Promoting the establishment of individual and collective prayer-support programs for missions and missionaries

C. Care Support

Encourage the care and support of missionaries while on the field and on home service. This can be done in a number of ways including the following:

- 🌐 *Regularly writing and encouraging church members to write letters or emails to their missionaries*
- 🌐 *Sending cards – Christmas, birthday, anniversary, Easter*
- 🌐 *Encouraging members to send CARE packages when appropriate*
- 🌐 *Helping missionaries adjust when on home service*

D. Financial Support

Encourage support for missions by establishing or promoting any of the following:

- 🌐 *Church offerings*
- 🌐 *Faith Promise (see brochure from CRWM)*
- 🌐 *Creative support raising approaches*

E. Resources

- 🌐 *Order resources from World Missions and make them available to the church leaders and members. These can include flags, bulletin covers, posters, videos, brochures, placemats, children's activity booklets, children's bulletins, and others. Some of the resources are particularly appropriate for pastors, deacons, worship leaders and church educators, etc.*
- 🌐 *Be aware of the CRWM website and the resources available there.*
- 🌐 *Investigate missions education opportunities for the advocate and congregation*

F. Promotions

Regularly promote missions in the church through the use of the following:

- 🌐 *Creating and maintaining a mission bulletin board*
- 🌐 *Planning mission emphasis events*
- 🌐 *Adding materials on global missions to your church's website in keeping with security concerns*

G. Recruitment

Identify potential long-term or short-term candidates for mission service including the Summer Missions Program (SMP) and encouraging mentoring for those candidates.