

Dear Alison,

Thanks for inquiring about mission support through First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs.

Attached to this letter/email are three documents:

- An application for individual support,
- Mission Priorities at First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs – 2008
- Support and Partnership Selection/Evaluation

Please read the description of our current involvement and priorities to gain an understanding of the ways that the congregation at First Pres is involved with God's work. A review of the Support and Partnership Selection/ Evaluation will help you assess how well your ministry fits with our priorities, and give a description of our categories for support. We would prefer to provide the application via email, and have it submitted to us electronically.

Here is the process for applying for mission support:

- Read each of the documents provided to discern your fit with our priorities
- Complete and return the application along with required documents
- Upon invitation, personal interviews are scheduled with the Missions Resources Team

Our church budget year runs from January to December. New applicants are usually considered in the fall of the current year for the following year. Applications that are received through the year are usually held for consideration in October and November. Final support decisions conclude in January, with notification to applicants soon thereafter.

Please contact me with any questions you have about the support and application process, or if you need additional guidance as you apply. 884-6109 or [sbuenger@first-pres.org](mailto:sbuenger@first-pres.org)

In Christ,

Susan Buenger  
Associate, Global Missions

## SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP SELECTION/EVALUATION

Applicant name:

Application Date:

Interview Date:

Mission Organization:

Interview team:

Support level:

Support and term begin:

Reevaluation date:

### Basic requirements for all support categories:

Ministry is within First Pres' areas of current involvement and/or fits with priorities as stated in *Mission Priorities at First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs - 2008*

Proven organizational accountability, support and financial oversight.

Missiological and theological compatibility with First Pres.

Overseeing organization is registered as a not-for-profit or NGO

### Determination of support:

#### 1) **Partnerships, individuals and organizations:**

- Acceptance into this category will be at the discretion of the Missions Resources Team using established evaluation criteria, history and available resources.
- Those who are accepted for support in this category will be given a defined term of three years. The Mission Resources Team will interview and reassess partners every three years.
- This category of support includes organizations, First Pres members and others who serve in a priority area, primarily on the field, or whose work is not primarily administration and/or support within their organization.

#### 2) **Members in ministry administration and support locally:**

- One of our stated Missions Priorities is "Supporting First Pres Members in Ministry." Because of the unique setting of Colorado Springs, we sense a call to support our members who serve in the many local missions organizations and raise their own financial support. We acknowledge that we must balance the uniqueness of our community with our calling as a congregation to engage all of our members in missions, while also focusing on a manageable number of priorities and partnerships. Therefore, members accepted in this category of support will be part of a pool of resources which may vary each year, which will be divided among the members accepted in the category, and which is not to exceed 6-8% of the given year's Missions Budget, and/or an upper cap of \$2400.00 per individual.
- To be in this category, the applicant must be an active member of First Pres for at least the last full year.
- This category of support includes First Pres members who live locally and serve primarily in administration and support roles within their organizations.
- Acceptance into this category will be at the discretion of the Mission Resources Team according to established evaluation criteria.
- Members who are accepted for support in this category will be given a defined term of three years. The Mission Resources Team will interview and reassess these members every three years.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO  
APPLICATION FOR MISSION SUPPORT – INDIVIDUAL  
Please submit electronically, if possible, to [sbuenger@first-pres.org](mailto:sbuenger@first-pres.org)  
Or return hard copy to: MISSIONS at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
219 East Bijou Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

PERSONAL (Please submit a picture of yourself with this application)

Name:

Date:

Permanent Address:

E-Mail Address:

Phone: Home

Work

Cell

Birthdate:

Gender:

Marital Status:

Spouse's Name:

Names and Ages of Children:

Are You a Member of First Presbyterian Church?

Describe length and extent of your relationship and involvement with FPC:

Your Home Church (if not FPC):

Church Address:

Phone:

Pastor's Name:

Length and level of your involvement there:

ORGANIZATION

Name of Mission Organization:

Name of your Supervisor:

Address:

Phone:

Supervisor Phone:

Website Address:

Supervisor E-Mail:

Describe your organization and its purpose/mission:

Attach a brochure that describes the organization including its faith statement.

Specific Information:

1. How is this organization structured for financial oversight, support and accountability for mission workers?
2. Describe your organization's provision for retirement/retirement plan.

3. What are your job title, role and responsibilities within your organization? (Please attach your formal position description.) Describe your relevant training and experience for this position.

GENERAL

1. Please describe how your role fits with the current areas of involvement and missions priorities of First Presbyterian Church. (Refer to the single page statement included with this application.)
2. Why do you believe God is calling you to serve in missions?

FINANCIAL – (Please attach the most recent financial statement/annual report from your organization.)

Your recommended yearly budget:

Amount raised to date:

Amount remaining to be raised:

Other financial needs (list item and cost):

REFERENCES – List name, address and phone number of two references other than your supervisor or a family member:

1. Name:  
Address:  
Phone:
2. Name:  
Address:  
Phone: