



## Simpsonwood United Methodist Church Criteria for Missions Funding

The Mission must align with currently established strategic areas of focus, which are determined annually; below are the criteria for funding for the 2017 year.

Simpsonwood UMC missions focus is to **know Christ** by encouraging our members to serve outside the church walls through the committee's selection and support of Christian missions and **to make Him known** by promoting missions that provide shalom to the chaotic world of the hungry, impoverished, ill, and illiterate in order that they will come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

### **Mandatory Criteria-** (all must be met by recipient)

- 501(c)(3) status; except for any mission run exclusively by Simpsonwood UMC; e.g. HOPE and Member Assistance Fund
- Christian-based mission
- Must have active liaison from SUMC
- Must directly serve client base

### **Organizational Criteria-** (Impacts priority and amount of funding. None are thresholds for receiving funds, but the more criteria are met, the greater the chance and amount of funding)

- Small organization where contribution has impact
- Clients are poor, homeless, or have medical needs
- Christian-based staff
- Christian message being taught to clients; making disciples, sharing faith
- Affiliation with the United Methodist Church
- Opportunity for volunteer involvement from SUMC
- International missions should have, or be under, an existing US-based organization, and have a history showing sustainability and accountability

### **Allocation to Geographical Area is determined annually based on Missions Goals within the church's overall strategic plan**

- 2017 funding mix for domestic (70%) and international (30%)