**Missions Commission Ministry Description (May’15)**

**Purpose:** The Missions Commission is entrusted with the privilege of engaging the Crosstown family in missions everywhere God’s love is proclaimed. We actively participate in Christ’s work in the world through education, prayer, communication, service, and finances.

**Members:** Minimum of 5 persons, majority shall be members of Crosstown Evangelical Covenant Church

**Suggested Functions and Authority:**

1. Keep our church family continually aware of Christ’s Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20 and our personal response to God’s call found in Isaiah 6:8.
2. Educate the congregation regarding fields of service and work being done through the Covenant and missionaries we support. We will do this appropriately at every age level from young children to seniors in a wide variety of settings, such as Sunday School classes, worship services, and small groups.
3. Inform the congregation and lead in prayer for specific needs of both domestic and international missionaries and ministries.
4. Sponsor or participate in special events such as missionary visits and speaking opportunities, mission conferences and area programs, and recruitment of short-term mission teams.
5. Keep in close communication with Crosstown’s missionaries and connect others in on-going relationships with them.
6. Promote the work of Covenant World Missions and outreach efforts through the Northwest Conference. This may include our participation in various financial appeals.
7. Seek and support Christ-honoring ministries and partnerships focusing on compassion, mercy, and justice.
8. Maintain a bulletin board, keep missionary photos current, publicize missionary events and opportunities.
9. Evaluate and recommend monetary support for specific missionaries and organizations along with the budget needs for this commission to the Finance Commission.
10. Examine possible changes and/or additions to these programs and commission functions and submit recommendations to the Council.

Responsible to: Church Council Congregation (annually)