

Mission Team Proposal and engagement options

I am proposing that we shift our focus to 'Mission Reps'. For the sake of clarity we will start with 4 standing mission reps - BMS, EBA, GenR8, SSYI. These are considered rightly or wrongly as none negotiable (as in we would still support the work with or without a rep). Along with our 4 standing reps we will have 3 or 4 reps appointed by the church meeting. Church members will be asked to bring organisations to the church meeting for the meeting to vote on. The person or persons bringing an organisation or cause will fill out a proposal form, outlining the charity, it's work and how they can help the church engage.

By bringing a mission organisation to the church meeting that person/persons is agreeing to be the spokes person for that organisation for at least the next year. They will be prepared to share information via the church website, emails, gatherings and other creative ways.

Each Mission Rep will be responsible for (This is not set in stone and would be considered the minimum)

- 1) One month focus in the Link each year
- 2) One month focus on the Church website each year
- 3) A focused notice board in church and on the website
- 4) At least one Sunday morning focus slot, either via video or in person
- 5) One official Church fundraising event a year, organised by the Rep in discussion with the leadership team.

It would be the reps responsibility to fulfil these obligations and they will be timetabled into the year.

Only charities with a UK office and charity number will be consider by the Church meeting. Monies will be shared out evenly between the non-standing mission reps. We will encourage the Reps to meet to share thoughts and plans for the year ahead in partnership with Martin and the leadership team. Those current mission team members who don't want to stand as a mission rep can continue to stay on the team to support the reps in their roles.

I believe this will help us resource those who are passionate about mission to serve the church, and efficiently keep mission at the heart of the church. It will keep the church meeting the focus of our mission efforts and allow for greater flexibility with the charities we support.

An example

Option 1

David wants the church to support Through Faith Missions. He fills out a form outlining what the charity does, confirming its uk charity number. That information would go forward to a church meeting, alongside other proposals. The church meeting would vote and if successful David would be one of our Mission Reps. He will be allocated time during the year to led the church in focusing on that cause.

Option 2

This option would be to become a standing rep, these are people who will help the church engage with BMS, EBA, GenR8, SSYI. As Jean Chambers is our current SSYI rep she will stay in that post if she is willing to.

Option 3

Anyone can join the mission team to support the ongoing work of the reps, they will be encourage to engage with supporting the ongoing work by helping put on events or sorting out communications.

Review of Mission at GSFC

Current members of the mission team - Carol Tonor, Jane Furlow, David & Diane Baslington, Sylvia Briscoe, Jane Burrough, Jean Chambers, and Helen Wood.

Currently we have a group of people who meet to work on mission giving and events. The group is made of people who have some interest in mission or feel they should have some interest in mission. The group is rather disparate and lacks leadership and enthusiasm, often finding themselves encouraging the church on organisations that they themselves have little interest.

The group hasn't really work well for years - I don't think since I have been here that it has functioned well.

Proposal

Leadership to agree the standing mission giving - BMS, EBA, GenR8, SSYI

The church meeting to vote on up to 3 other mission organisations - who will share the remaining budget.

Members of the Church will be encouraged to bring a mission organisation to the church meeting and in doing so be willing to act as a rep for this cause. By agreeing to be the rep they will commit to regularly share information with the Church via Website, Emails and Church gatherings. This agreement will last 1 year.