



# **Stonebriar Community Church**

## **Missionary Endorsement Program**

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### I. Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Missionary Endorsement Program is to strengthen SCC's involvement in the work of God around the world and to encourage greater involvement in world missions throughout the church.

### II. Missionary Endorsement Policies

#### A. Missionary Endorsement Benefits

1. Formal recognition as an SCC endorsed missionary
2. Communication about the missionary on the SCC website and through other media (newsletter, e-mail, etc.)
3. Recommendation of the missionary to adult fellowships. Only endorsed missionaries will be invited to present their ministries in SCC Adult Fellowships.
4. Prayer and practical support from the SCC Missionary Care Team
5. Ministry and personal counseling as needed
6. Consideration of SCC short-term missions teams to assist those missionaries who request teams
7. Financial Support—determined by SCC Missions Department

#### B. Criteria for Endorsement

Those seeking missionary endorsement will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. **Relationship to SCC**—including membership, involvement, and agreement with the church's doctrinal statement. Agreement with the doctrinal statement is required for SCC endorsement. Priority will be given to SCC members and those who have sought direction in ministry from the SCC missions staff.
2. **Ministry**—including type and location of ministry activities. Priority will be given to those living and working outside the US in ministries that support the establishment and development of local churches.
3. **Mission Agency**—including legal, governance, and financial characteristics.

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- C. Application Process for Endorsement
  1. SCC members submit applications between October 1 and November 30.
  2. Applications are reviewed and processed in December.
  3. Applicants are notified of status in January.
  
- D. Missionary Endorsement Team
  1. The Missionary Endorsement Team will be selected by the Pastor of Missions and will consist of four (4) to eight (8) members.
  2. The Missionary Endorsement Team will meet annually in December to review all applications for Missionary Endorsement and to recommend missionaries for endorsement.
  
- E. Responsibility of Stonebriar to Missionary
  1. Create and sustain a working partnership with the missionary, their mission agency, and their support team.
  2. Formally endorse each missionary.
  3. Support each missionary in prayer.
  4. Communicate regularly with each missionary.
  5. Promote the work of each missionary to the congregation and to adult fellowships.
  6. Provide strategic ministry counseling to missionaries as needed.
  7. Provide prayer and care support for each missionary, while overseas and on home assignments.
  
- F. Responsibility of Missionary to Stonebriar
  1. The missionary will work with and through SCC's World Missions Ministry in relating to SCC Adult Fellowships.
  2. The missionary will work diligently to maintain the partnership with SCC, the mission agency, and financial supporters.
  3. Communicate regularly with SCC.
  4. Spend time at SCC while on home assignments, if possible.
  5. Inform SCC of any significant change in ministry and/or location.

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### III. SCC Doctrinal Statement

We uphold these core beliefs as essential to the Christian faith.

**We believe . . .** that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God and without mistakes as originally written. It is the complete revelation of His will for salvation and the only unfailing rule of faith and practice for the Christian life.

**We believe . . .** in one God, Creator of all things, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these three are co-eternal and of equal dignity and power.

**We believe . . .** in the deity of Jesus Christ; His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit; His virgin birth ; His sinless life; His substitutionary death on a cross; His bodily resurrection; His ascension to the right hand of the Father; and His personal, imminent return.

**We believe . . .** that man was created by and for God; that by man's disobeying God, every person incurred spiritual death, which is separation from God, and physical death as a consequence; and that all people are sinners by nature and practice.

**We believe . . .** the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins and that all who believe in Him are declared righteous because of His sacrificial death and are, therefore, in the right relationship with God.

**We believe . . .** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit indwelling all believers and thus enabling and empowering the life and ministry of the believer.

**We believe . . .** in the bodily resurrection of everyone who has lived, the everlasting blessedness of those in right relationship with God, and the everlasting punishment of those who have rejected God's forgiveness in His Son.