

St. Andrew's Church Guidelines for Domestic Missions

1. **St Andrews Vision:** To play our part in the re-evangelism of our society and the transformation of our culture.
2. **St Andrews Purpose (Mission):** To connect people to the presence and the power of Jesus Christ so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.
3. **Definition: Domestic mission** is any endeavor aimed toward the goal of reaching beyond the needs of the local congregation for the purposes of fulfilling the great Commission – by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ making disciples and relating to the whole need of mankind, both spiritual and physical.
4. **Audience:** Four categories of people listed in Acts 1:8:
 - Jerusalem (the natural spheres of influence of the church),
 - Judea (geographically near, culturally similar people),
 - Samaria (geographically near, culturally different people),
 - Ends of the earth (geographically distant, culturally different people) (This group is covered by our **International Missions program**).
5. **Geographic Boundaries:** Within Charleston County.
6. **Budget Input Actions:**
 - a. Identify internal ministry partners (Local Missions Committee, Men's Ministry, etc.)
 - b. Establish (receive) annual budget controls.
 - c. Determine if continued funding and/or support is needed for any of the previous year's domestic mission efforts.
 - d. Determine characteristics/values of outside organizations desiring to partner with St Andrews:
 - i. Not anti-gospel.
 - ii. Committed to work in the geographic areas of our audiences.
 - iii. Operates under excellence governance as evidenced by their program/expense ratio, and (if available) an excellent Charity Navigator rating.
7. **Domestic Mission Guidelines for annual budgeting process:**
 - a. Key leaders involved in Domestic Mission budget development: Rector & COO (establish budget controls); Associate Rector for Missions & the Missions Lay Leader (develop proposed budget).

- b. Prayer: Ask God for His direction and listen to what He says and then act.
 - c. Research, identify, & document any continuing and/or new needs of our “Jerusalem”, “Judea”, and “Samaria”.
 - d. Research and identify resources (fiscal and non-fiscal resources outside St Andrews)
 - i. Identify domestic mission organizations that St Andrews could come alongside in performing domestic mission ministry.
 - 1. Identify fiscal requirements to support St Andrews defined activities.
 - ii. Identify domestic mission organizations St Andrews could support financially as they perform domestic mission ministry that falls under St Andrews guidelines.
 - 1. Receive applications from these domestic mission organizations for financial support (attachment 1).
 - e. Review prior year history of the Benevolent Ministry budget and expense; review Benevolent Ministry Policies and Guidelines (attachment 2),
 - f. Using data/information from paragraph 7.c.-e. above, the Associate Rector for Missions (in consultation with the Missions Lay Leader) develop Domestic Missions and Benevolent Ministry budgets for submission to COO and Rector.
 - g. Present budget and request consensus approval by Vestry.
 - h. Establish and track metrics for domestic execution (commitment and expenditure of budgeted monies).
8. Following Vestry approval of the annual budget, execution of the Domestic Missions & Benevolent Ministry budgets will be in accordance with the following procedures:
- i. Domestic Mission Ministry.
 - i. The Associate Rector for Missions will approve disbursement of all funds to St Andrews internal ministry partners upon commencement of the approved ministry project.
 - ii. The Associate Rector for Missions will approve disbursement of all funds budgeted for outside ministry partners:
 - 1. If the funding is an ongoing ministry effort (e.g., support of the Navigation Center); the authorized funds shall be disbursed on a quarterly basis at the beginning of each quarter or as needed.
 - 2. For specific projects (e.g., an East Cooper Faith Network Fix It ministry project) upon commencement of the ministry project after it has been

vetted and recommended for execution by either the Associate Rector for missions, the Missions Lay Leader and/or St Andrews internal ministry partners (e.g. Local Missions Committee, Mens' or Women's Ministry, etc.).

- j. St Andrews' Associate Rector for Missions will establish a Benevolent Committee of at least four members from St Andrews.
 - i. Membership will include the Missions Lay Leader and three other Parishioners who have a heart for mission as appointed by the Associate Rector, Missions.
 - ii. At least 3 members of the Benevolent Committee will consider each request for assistance. Attachment 2 of this document will serve as a guideline for decision making. A simple majority vote will determine the action of the committee.