

NLG Missions Committee Policy on Support Criteria for Indigenous Workers

1. **Purpose.** This policy outlines the process and criteria that will be used to determine the distribution of funds from the “Indigenous Missionaries” line item in the church budget.
 1. As with all our budgeted missions and outreach spending, these funds are understood as furthering a “partnership in the Gospel” between the congregation and other entities of the global Church.

2. **Process.** Any church member may make a proposal to the missions committee for how funds should be spent; however, priority will be given to proposals originating from an “area interest group” (i.e. groups which are actively involved in supporting missional activity in some region of the world, and in promoting congregational partnership with that region).

3. **Criteria for funding.** Priority will be given to partnership opportunities which:
 1. Directly pertain to the planting of national churches, with indigenous leadership (church planting here being in the broad sense; i.e. it could include evangelism, training of national pastors, etc.)
 2. Promote theological systems, and church polity, which are compatible with our own congregational standards and values
 3. Foster ongoing partnership relationships, especially relationships that the congregation already has (through short term trips, NLG missionaries, area interest groups)
 4. Incorporate effective mechanisms for monitoring use of the funds
 5. Are structured in ways that encourage long term financial independence, rather than dependency or a sense of entitlement