

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

EVANGELISM POLICY

A. Introduction (Preamble)

1. The Evangelical Church, wishing to seriously live up to her name and also to comply with the order of the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, has resolved to take aggressive action in doing missions, not limited to her own sphere of influence, but also expanding up to an international level as per the dictates of Acts 1:8 and Mathew 28:19-20.
2. Since the whole issue of missions stresses the outward manifestation of the inward character of Jesus Christ in the life a witness, it is unequivocally indispensable that those involved in the evangelism activities exhibit a Christ-like life and that they should also uphold a true representation of the Evangelizing Church wherever their evangelistic campaigns are done.
3. Since missions are an inseparable duet with disciple making processes, the Evangelical Church will avoid hit and run evangelistic campaigns; but instead she will evangelise strategically with the end of Church planting in mind.

B. Aims and Objectives

1. To do missions in compliance with the Great Commission as our Lord commanded it.
2. To disciple all nations as per the implication of the Great Commission.
3. To purchase premises in which discipleship classes and activities would be best carried out.
4. To purchase evangelism equipment with which to effectively disciple targeted nations/people.

5. To identify and train prospective faithful locals who will eventually own up the work and advance the course of the gospel in their respective countries under the umbrella of the Evangelical Church.

C. Method to do missions

Since the method and programme to do missions is people, it is absolutely crucial to select the right people who will effectively participate in it.

Hence the following terms:

1. There will be a National Evangelism Committee Team in each country (team) of at least seven seasoned Christian leaders who will spearhead the missions operations. It would be of an advantage if four of the seven members had a gift of evangelism and be appointed by the National Council of the country.

- (a) The formation of the Committee will comprise of the following:

- (i) Chairperson;
- (ii) Vice-Chairperson
- (iii) Secretary
- (iv) Vice-Secretary
- (v) Treasurer
- (vi) One member without portfolio.
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- (b) Their qualifications:

- (i) **The Chairperson:** a person who is in good standing in the Evangelical Church; has gone through Bible training with additional training on missions, has been using his gift of evangelism for at least five years, and is ordained.

- (ii) **The Vice-Chairperson:** will also be of the same calibre as the Chairperson. This would enable him to act in his behalf in the event he is unable to execute his duties. Although he might not be an ordained person, at least he must evidence the gift of evangelism and has sufficient Bible training.
- (iii) **The Secretary:** will be of good reputation and character in his Christian life. He must have had an appreciable experience in keeping and compiling clear records. It would also be to his advantage if he is computer literate.
- (iv) **Vice-Secretary:** he should be of the same calibre as the Secretary so as to fill in for him in his absence.
- (v) **The Treasurer:** he must be of good reputation and character with no trace of dishonesty in financial matters. He must be computer literate with at least some accredited training in accounts and book keeping.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH WORK IN A NEW AREA/COUNTRY

- (a) Under no circumstance will the National Evangelical Committee allow an individual to establish missions work in a foreign country single handedly.
- (b) Since this would be Evangelical Church work, it would be expected that the whole team should be collectively involved in establishing it.
- (c) The establishment of the new work should take at least three, or four months, thereafter, a Pastor/Teacher who will also be identified by the National Council

should be posted to the area and continue the work. His main responsibility is to work himself out of his job. He should teach the church to be self reliant and self propegating; but still under the umbrella of the Evangelical Church.

- (d) Prospective local Church leaders should be identified and be trained by the Pastor/Teacher on the mission field for at least 1.5 years to make sure they are called by God into the ministry. The identified prospective local Church leaders must be approved by the Evangelism Committee before they are accorded formal theological training. The National Council will then send them to a recognised Bible school for three years.
- (e) Upon completion, the newly trained prospective local Church leaders would have to serve under the veteran Church leader on the mission field before they stand on their own.

D. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MISSION WORKERS

1. The National Evangelism Committee will receive financial support from the National Council. The Pastor/Teacher who will see to it that the work under his jurisdiction is fully established and self sustained, will also be salaried by his National Council.
2. Local Churches will be requested by the National Council to create a fund for missions from which central missions fund will be drawn.

E. PARTNERSHIP IN MISSIONS WORK

1. If there are interested parties who would like to support missions in the Evangelical Church, they should do it in partnership with the Evangelical Church leadership – IBE or National Councils.

2. Under no circumstances should interested parties bypass the setup church leadership structure and channel their financial support to individuals. However, individuals may be given support through the appropriate channels. This is done in order to monitor God's work and for good record keeping. Designated funds will accordingly be acceptable and acknowledged.

F. TRANSPARENCY

1. Although, a great deal of "*nitty gritty*" operations details of the National Evangelism Committee will be reflected in the "*modus operandi*" suffices to say, each year the National Evangelism Committee would present a budget for the following year to the National Council for approval.
2. A comprehensive report comprising a financial statement and management accounts would be given to the annual Evangelical Church Conference via the National Council.

Audited financial report would be an extra credit to the missions Committee.

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POLICY ON PRE-ELECTIONS

1. Introduction:

In order for the Evangelical Church to improve the quality of their election process and the results thereof, an amendment was proposed and adopted in the current constitution.

2. Process/Procedure:

- 2.1. Pre-nominations of officers in a particular level of the Church shall be done by the body immediately below it in the Church structure.
- 2.2. The pre-nominated candidates shall form a list of those standing for elections in each office.
- 2.3. There shall be two nominees for each office from the structures immediately below the electing level e.g. nation for IBE elections.
- 2.4. The same procedures shall apply in elections in all fellowships.

3. To be noted:

- 3.1. All nominations and elections shall be done according to article XIV in the constitution of the Evangelical Church.
- 3.2. In all levels, the various Board of Elders shall play an advisory role as per the dictates of the Evangelical Church constitution.

Approved:

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Chairman

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Date

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Secretary

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