



**Board of Missions – California-Nevada Annual Conference**  
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Who is blessed by YOUR church support in the global mission of the United Methodist Church?

*Does your church have a*

# COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

*with a United Methodist missionary somewhere in the world?*

This is your KIT to begin or renew a covenant relationship!

Source: The Advance web page at <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/Advance/>

## **Vision**

The Advance exists to share the love of Jesus Christ by offering hope and alleviating human suffering. With integrity, transparency, and a commitment to The United Methodist Church's connectional vision of the world, we will become the leading conduit that enables people to support projects and missionaries throughout the world in order to strengthen and sustain one another.

## **Mission**

The Advance is an accountable, designated giving arm of The United Methodist Church that ensures 100% of each gift is used for its intended mission or ministry. Our work fulfills both physical and spiritual needs through a variety of partnerships worldwide, to reach mutual goals that make a life-changing and long-lasting impact.

## **Core Values**

- Operate with accountability, integrity and transparency
- Promote compassion and service worldwide
- Make a positive, lasting impact

## Steps Toward a Covenant Relationship:

1. Agree on a group, such as Missions Committee or special task group or the Church Council to study the kit and do some preparation for a recommendation.
2. Prayerfully seek a challenging but realistic annual financial goal for your covenant relationship. Select the annual \$2,500 gift or calculate a gift based on \$5 per member. Some churches put this in the annual budget. Other churches do special fund-raisers, including asking the members to pay the amount per member!
  - a. An individual can establish a Covenant Relationship with a missionary for \$500 or more per year.
  - b. The Advance encourages the development of Covenant Relationships between young adult missionaries (US-2 and Mission Interns) and youth groups or campus ministries for \$5 per group member.
3. Select a missionary by doing research:
  - a. Browse the General Board of Global Ministries web site at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/work/missionaries/biographies/>. Select by country or other option, or browse alphabetically. Note that some missionaries are apparently not available for our conference. But if you find you are led to such a missionary, consult Laddie Perez-Galang (at d. below) for advice. We may be the first in our Conference to support the missionary you wish!
  - b. Ask other United Methodist churches if they would suggest a missionary.
  - c. Consult retired missionaries. You will find information on retired missionaries at <http://www.cnumc.org/page.asp?PKValue=1229> – CA-NV web page.
  - d. Consult your Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, Laddie Perez-Galang – 281 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610; (925) 727-1295; laddieg@pacbell.net or mz.buzy@gmail.com.
  - e. Consult your District Secretary of Global Ministries, or your District Superintendent, to find out which missionaries are supported by churches in your district.
  - f. Complete the paperwork, select a payment schedule, and follow the directions for copies and mailing. Consult Laddie Perez-Galang (at d above) for any questions on the paperwork!

## What to Expect in a Covenant Relationship:

You will enjoy the deep satisfaction of having a personal friend in global ministry! Your church and this global friend will be in mutual prayer support for each other's concerns and ministries. You will enjoy getting in-depth knowledge of a particular place in the world.

You will receive regular communication from the missionary. All missionaries do at least a newsletter, three times a year.

Make regular contact by mail, sending a birthday card, Christmas card, etc. Pictures of your congregation, drawings by children, and other friendly communication, are welcome!

Some missionaries have e-mail and can send and share friendship, news and mutual prayer request this way!

When your missionary is on "itineration," your church will have priority for a visit. The missionary will be able to speak, show slides or other visuals of their work and people, and answer questions. Sometimes the missionary can be the Sunday preacher for your worship service. Sometimes you will be able to have a special evening or Saturday fellowship and educational event with your guest. Neighboring churches and/or the public can be invited.

Your Conference Secretary of Global Ministries and/or the missionary will notify you when they are due for a visit. It is about every three years.

## And Furthermore...

As we celebrate covenant relationships between congregations and missionaries, your church will be recognized with a certificate for one of the following reasons:

1. You are a "Covenant Relationship" church recognized by General Board of Global Ministries. You have just started out or have kept renewal paperwork going every year.
2. You may have established such a relationship and have continued to send gifts, but have not done official renewal paperwork. We are calling you a "Covenant Relationship" church anyway!
3. You have sent the appropriate gifts for "Covenant Relationship," but didn't know there was any paperwork involved, so you have not been listed as such!
4. You have sent gifts that fit the description of covenant relationship gifts, but you didn't know that you could be a "Covenant Relationship" church!

I encourage your church now to review its ongoing or new commitment to a missionary in the Covenant Relationship Program. The Covenant Relationship form and instructions are on pages 5 and 6 of this document.

If you need any assistance to understand and how to complete paperwork so that General Board of Global Ministries recognizes your church in the Covenant Relationship program, please contact me!

Thanks in Christ for your commitment to global mission!

### For additional information:

GBGM Missionaries Program overview – <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/advance/missionaries/overview/>

Missionary Support FAQs – <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/advance/missionaries/faq/>

The Advance FAQs – <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/advance/about/faq/>

**DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETION AND MAILING:**

1. Make **THREE** copies of this form and back-up forms! **KEEP ONE SET!**
2. Make check payable to ***California-Nevada Annual Conference***. On the “memo” line of the check, write the missionary’s name and Advance Code #. Your gift will be duly recorded, then sent on by our Conference to the New York office.
3. Mail or fax the original form to: **DO NOT SEND CHECK HERE**  
**The Advance**  
**General Board of Global Ministries**  
**475 Riverside Drive, Room 350**  
**New York, NY 10115**  
**Tel: (212) 870-3716**  
**Fax: (212) 870-3775**  
**E-mail: covenant@gbgm-umc.org**
4. Send the check (see instruction #2 above) and a set of copies to:  
**Diane Knudsen, Conference Treasurer**  
**California-Nevada Annual Conference**  
**P.O. Box 980250**  
**West Sacramento, CA 95798-0250**  
**Tel: (916) 374-1520**
5. Send a set of copies to: **DO NOT SEND CHECK HERE**  
**Laddie Perez-Galang, Conference Secretary of Global Ministries**  
**California-Nevada Annual Conference**  
**281 Santa Clara Avenue**  
**Oakland, CA 94610**  
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The Advance Covenant Relationship Form

Type of Covenant Relationship (check one):

Church (\$2,500 or \$5/member) Individual (\$500) Other (\$5/member, e.g., Youth Group, Campus Ministry)

Length of Covenant Relationship commitment: 3 years or 1 year Beginning: Ending:
Month / Year Month / Year

NOTE: It is only necessary to renew your acceptance form at the end of your commitment.

Missionary: Advance #:

Commitment Amount Per Year: \$

Please indicate missionary previously supported (if different):

Please note that while your covenant is with the missionary above, your gift will support the entire missionary community.

Contact Information:

Name of Church/Individual/Group:

Address: Street City State Postal Code

Telephone: Email:

Church Information (if applicable):

Name:

Pastor: Annual Conference: California-Nevada District:

Contact Person (if applicable):

Name:

Address: Street City State Postal Code

Telephone: Email:

- For Advance credit, please send your church's gifts to: Diane Knudsen, Conference Treasurer, California-Nevada Annual Conference, P.O. Box 980250, West Sacramento, CA 95798-0250. Write the missionary's name and Advance number on the memo.
MAIL/FAX FORM TO: The Advance, General Board of Global Ministries, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 350, New York, NY, 10115 Tel: 212-870-3716, Fax: 212-870-3775, Email: covenant@gbgm-umc.org
Send a copy of this form to: Laddie Perez-Galang, Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, California-Nevada Annual Conference, 281 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610.

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