

San Diego Church of Christ
Board of Directors
Missions Report
November 4, 2005

As we prepare for our annual Special Missions Contribution, the Board wants to take a moment to commend the congregation for your generosity and commitment to helping others not only locally, but also throughout the world.

Since 1995 the San Diego Church of Christ has given approximately \$10 million towards our annual Special Missions Contributions. From 1995 to 2002 the contributions were given to the Middle East World Sector. In the last two years we have sent funds to both the Middle East World Sector and the Philippines family of churches.

Board Responsibility Relative to Special Missions Contribution

The Board has the responsibility to account for and properly document the special missions contribution. This includes reviewing the grant request, determining its reasonableness, following up afterwards to see that the monies were spent as proposed in the grant, and complying with IRS guidelines for documentation.

Historical Missions Information

During this year's review of our special missions contribution, the Board learned we were missing all of the information needed to properly document our files for historical missions contributions. The Board subsequently contacted both the Middle East World Sector and the Philippines family of churches requesting the missing information.

The Middle East World Sector has provided financial information from 1995 forward and subsequently Andy Fleming, who currently oversees those funds, came and met with the Board to respond to our questions. In the course of reviewing this financial information and meeting with Andy we learned that between 1995 and 2002 monies sent to the Middle East World Sector were "Unrestricted" and only 50-55% was actually directly supporting foreign missions. In a letter from Andy to the San Diego Church of Christ dated October 29, 2005 he explains how the funds were used. A copy of that letter will be made available upon request to any member.

As a Board we are committed to seeing that the members are made fully aware of the proportionate use of the funds contributed to the special missions contribution. The Board is compiling a report on the matter to be completed by the end of the year as

well as a formal policy for granting missions requests. Our desire is for members of the San Diego Church of Christ to have confidence that money collected for missions will be used in accordance with the grant request. We will deny any grant requests if appropriate use of funds is not fully disclosed and documented. If we learn that anyone has knowingly misled members concerning the use of the special missions contributions it will be reported to the elders, evangelists, and made public to the body.

This Year's Missions Contribution - Middle East

The Board has reviewed the current request from the Middle East World Sector. The request appears reasonable and the need is great. In the Middle East World Sector letter, there is a request for \$250,000. Based on the current level of giving, we would need to collectively give seven times San Diego's average weekly contribution. Andy has provided a very detailed schedule outlining the proposed use of the funds, which is available upon request. To receive the letter and detailed schedules, please see your Board member.

This Year's Missions Contribution - Philippines

The Board met with Cesar Lopez and Rico Salcedo at our September 15, 2005 meeting and explained the need for financial documentation to fulfill our duties. A very specific letter was later sent to the Philippines family of churches via e-mail on October 14, 2005. As of the writing of this report, the grant application and past documentation has not been provided. Unfortunately, without access to the requested information, we will not be able to send them funds from our 2005 missions collection. We invite the Philippine family of churches to request funds in the future, given that they provide the historical information we need.

On November 13th, we will have our special missions contribution. Our typical weekly contribution will stay in San Diego. The rest of the collected funds will be given to the Middle East World Sector.

If you have any questions about any of this information, please contact an elder or board member and we will make every effort to answer your questions.