

## Special Missions Project Application – Smaller Project

### Background:

When the capital campaign to retire our debt was completed, we were left with more than \$130,000 beyond what was needed for debt retirement. As a church, we voted to use those extra funds for missions projects that would impact the community and the greater world by allocating the funds for following programs:

1. \$35,000 to Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Capital Campaign (already distributed)
2. \$20,000 to the Day Mission Fund for ongoing FBC missions efforts (already added to fund)
3. Up to \$50,000 for a major downtown missions project
4. \$26,000 (the remainder of all funds) in smaller mission projects up to \$5000 each

This application is to provide a way for members of the congregation to propose creative approaches to missions for a smaller project of up to \$5,000 that could have an impact at home or more broadly. This is a unique opportunity to make a significant difference and to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world. These funds are a one-time gift. They are not available for ongoing needs; they are not designed to create a long-term program that will require funding from our annual budget. To take full advantage of this opportunity, we need ideas from across our congregation.

Church Council will use the following as a guide in evaluating the scope of missions work:

*Missions is participating in the reign of God by following the example and teachings of Christ - seeking to fulfill the Great Commission and honoring the Great Commandments (Luke 4:14-21, Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 12:28-34).*

*We practice missions by addressing immediate spiritual and social needs, and by empowering and educating people & communities to address long term needs. It begins with ministry within the church and extends to all people outside the church, reaching out to the whole world God has made.*

### Criteria:

- Involves hands-on missions
- Encourages participation by members of the FBC community
- May be sponsored and implemented solely by FBC or may be in partnership with an outside organization, but does not merely distribute funding to another organization (Consider existing partnerships with Family Promise, Urban Ministries, Rise Against Hunger, CROP Walk, Sharefish, Backpack Buddies, etc.)  
Partnerships may grow existing relationships or connect with new & different organizations.
- Involves creative, unique ideas
- Does not require ongoing additional funds from church budget

### Application Process:

Proposals should address each of the questions on page 2 of this document. You may submit written proposals by putting them in the box on the counter in the church office or by emailing them to [darnold@fbcraleigh.org](mailto:darnold@fbcraleigh.org). Proposals are due by Wednesday, March 14, 2018. You may be invited to present your idea to Church Council to provide further information. Church Council will recommend a project to present to Church Conference for approval.

Questions? Feel free to contact any member of Church Council.

**Please provide a short summary of your project (about 250 words).**

This is an executive summary, your elevator pitch. This summary should include a brief description of what the project will include, who it will serve, who would be involved, and the anticipated impact in Downtown Raleigh. You should provide additional details in response to the questions below.

**Background**

Describe why this project is important, how it is relevant to our congregation and mission, and what need it will help to fill.

**Detailed Description**

What are the goals and objectives of the project? Who will it serve? How will you accomplish the goals?

**Congregational Involvement**

Explain how this would involve a significant component of the FBC community, including what committee(s) might support this project.

**Outside involvement**

Do you plan to partner with another service organization outside of FBC? If so, what will be the respective roles of the organizations? How do you see this partnership forming or growing?

**Project Organization**

How will this effort be organized? What will be the plan for managing and supervising the progress of this project? Who will take the lead on implementing the project? What is your estimated timeline for completing the project?

**Impact on Community**

How will this project have an impact on the community, specifically our neighbors in downtown Raleigh? How will you evaluate the success of what we have done?

**Finances**

What amount are you requesting? Provide a preliminary budget and some explanation of how you came to these estimates. Do you anticipate any other sources of funding to support this effort?