

December 12, 2023

RE: Missions Commitment Service

Dear Pastor,

The most important day of the year for World Missions will be here soon! **Sunday, March 3rd, 2024**, is our annual, organization-wide *Missions Commitment Service*. The purpose of this event is to raise new and greater support for World Missions from the members in our churches.

I'm not sure how it works in your local congregation, but I'm guessing your church is probably very similar to ours. At Faith Apostolic Church, we've committed to giving a certain amount each month to ALJC missions. That amount is usually far more than what comes in each month from our church members. So, our missions giving comes mostly **from our church budget**.

Because our **church** gives, our **church** is blessed. But the problem is there are a lot of our church **members** who are missing out on the blessings that come from giving consistently to missions. In fact, a recent poll of ALJC pastors revealed that, on average, 75% of our church members don't consistently give to missions. If we were to engage those people in missions giving, we could raise substantial new support - enough increase to fully fund every missionary's budget. And that new support would come from our church members - not our church's general account or budget.

That is the vision behind the *Missions Commitment Service*. We would like for your church to host a *Missions Commitment Service* on **Sunday, March 3rd**. The goal of that service is to raise support for World Missions from people in our congregations who:

1. Are not currently giving to missions and would like to make a commitment to support missions each month for one year (April 2024 – March 2025).
2. Made an annual commitment last year during the *Missions Commitment Service* to support missions each month and want to make a similar or greater commitment for the new year (April 2024 – March 2025).

I have enclosed a *Missions Commitment Service Promotions Checklist* with suggestions on what to do to promote this event in your church in the weeks leading up to March 3rd. Every item on the **Promotions Checklist** except the **Missions Commitment Cards** will be available for download by February 1st at www.worldmissions.aljc.org. You will be receiving a box of the **Missions Commitment Cards** in the mail in mid-February.

We would like for you to preach a message on Sunday, March 3rd, about missions, souls, and giving. At the end of your message, please make an appeal to the members of your church to sponsor one or more missionaries for a particular monthly amount for 1 year (beginning



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in the month of April) by taking one or more **Missions Commitment Cards**. The number of cards in the box you will be receiving corresponds to your church size category (A, B, C, or D). Your supply of cards has a minimum of 3 cards for each of our missionaries. The cards have a place for the church member to designate the amount of their monthly pledge. The **Missions Commitment Card** will have two parts – an upper portion that is for the donor to keep as a reminder of his or her pledge and a lower portion that is to be given back to you with the donor’s information and amount of pledge.

Your objective is to exhaust your supply of **Missions Commitment Cards** during your appeal for support on *Missions Commitment Sunday*. Exhausting your **entire supply of cards** will ensure that every missionary and missions region will see a much-needed increase in monthly support. And if every ALJC church participates in the *Missions Commitment Service*, we will raise enough new monthly support to fully fund every missionary’s budget and have sufficient funds for special projects, Bible schools, and relief efforts. And this can all be accomplished without the church itself increasing giving from its budget!

After the *Missions Commitment Service*, we ask that you use the information you received from your donor’s lower portion of the **Missions Commitment Cards** to periodically remind your church members about their monthly pledge. Each month, total how much support your church takes in from church members as a result of the *Missions Commitment Service* and **add** that to what amount you have already committed to give from your **church budget**. Send that amount to the World Mission’s department by the 10th of each month beginning in the month of April.

Pastor, I know your **church** is blessed because your **church** gives to missions. Let’s also provide an opportunity for our church **members** to experience the blessings of giving monthly to World Missions.

God bless you. Thank you in advance for hosting a *Missions Commitment Service* in your local church. If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact me.

Yours for Global Apostolic Revival,



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