

REQUESTING CHMCE SUPPORT

The Ideal [The smoothest path]

- A presbytery acts to establish a home missions work.
- The presbytery, through its CHEX committee representative, reports all anticipated requests at the annual RECHEX conference held the first week of November.
- The presbytery acts to make request for funding. (This must be done before funding begins, but not necessarily before requests are received by CHMCE.)
- The request is submitted to CHMCE by November 15, along with a completed stewardship plan.
- CHMCE considers the request at its stated December meeting.
- CHMCE communicates its action to the presbytery.
- If the request is approved, funding is designated for the mission work for the coming year.
- The presbytery searches for a candidate, with the help, as desired, of the General Secretaries.
- Once the presbytery overseers [with the approval of the mission work members] locate a candidate, the CHMCE church planting subcommittee will schedule an interview with the candidate and act. If the candidate is approved, funding begins immediately upon the arrival of the church planter on the field. If much time passes between the approval of funding and the candidate interview, CHMCE may request an updated stewardship plan.
- Presbytery must submit requests for ongoing funding by Nov 15 each year, along with an updated stewardship plan. Requests must include the precise amount of annual funding. The CHMCE office can supply the scheduled amounts on request.
- CHMCE considers the requests and stewardship plans at its December meeting, and communicates its actions with the presbyteries.

Digressions from the Ideal

Approval without completed stewardship plan. A request may come to CHMCE's December meeting without a completed stewardship plan if funding is anticipated to begin after August 31. In this case, support will be designated accordingly and will begin once a stewardship plan and candidate are approved.

Submitting requests between December meetings. A request for funding can be submitted at any time. The most advantageous dates are May 15, and August 15. These dates will allow CHMCE to consider requests and stewardship plans in advance of stated full committee meetings in June and September. If a presbytery wants to submit a request at other times of the year, it may do so in consultation with the General Secretaries.

Candidates finally approved by presbyteries before CHMCE interview. There are times when works develop in ways that do not harmonize well with the ideal schedule. Namely, a candidate may be found with strong assumptions of service in advance of CHMCE's interview with him. An example would be a mother congregation planting a daughter with a staff member already invested in the work.

CHMCE understands this, and will proceed in ways that it believes will best help the cause of church planting. In such cases approval of the candidate [and correlative funding] is likely, but not to be assumed. The interview step must take place and the CHMCE subcommittee will take meaningful actions as it considers candidates to approve them [or not].

Note on monthly reports

We ask all church planters to submit reports to the General Secretaries on the 15th of the month, recording activities and data from the previous month. Church planters should send the same reports to their presbyteries. With regular reports in hand CHMCE is able to track progress, provide some accountability, and learn how best to pray for men, their families, and their work. Financial support is contingent on the regular submission of these reports. Church planters who fail to report will receive a reminder of this.

