

Overview of Global Partner Support (GPS) Guidelines

These guidelines provide a condensed version of the GPS guidelines and are aligned to St John's Vision, Principles and Values which can be viewed at www.stjohnsharborne.org/vision . It indicates how St John's via GPS invests resources in mission.

The GPS team will undertake the following six-step assessment whenever an approach is made by an individual or organisation requesting support:

1. Mission assessment -the 'what'
2. Candidate assessment -the 'who'
3. Agency / Church /or Equivalent assessment -the 'who with'
4. Financial assessment -the 'how much'
5. The decision.
6. On-going Review.

1. Mission Assessment

Any application for support of mission involvement will be assessed against some specific principles and values. The principles are based on the five marks of mission that were developed by the Anglican Consultative Council between 1984 and 1990 and stem from the understanding that God's glory is to be declared to all nations.

Mission Principles:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
3. To respond to human need by loving service.
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society.
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Mission Values:

We believe mission should be:

1. Faithful to the clear teaching of scripture.
2. Done in the power of the Holy Spirit.
3. Done in partnership with the local church.
4. Culturally relevant and appropriate.

Applications should state how the mission that the candidate will contribute to fits with the preceding principles and values. Missions will be assessed against these principles and values.

2. Candidate Assessment

A candidate (aged 18 or over for long term mission) should be a member of St John's and normally have been a member for at least two years prior to their application. They should be able to demonstrate spiritual maturity, involvement in the church and involvement in a small group or an area of ministry. Recommendation and support will be looked for from their small group leader or other leaders in the church.

3. Agency Assessment

Candidates will normally be working under the auspices of a recognised mission agency or organisation. The mission agency or organisation should demonstrate that it has good structures relating to governance, leadership, management, its care of members and its resources.

4. Financial Assessment

Where financial support is requested, applications should state the overall level of support required, as recommended by the relevant agency.

5. The Decision

After prayerful assessment GPS may provide, financial support, other resources, support but with conditions, determine a period of waiting or not provide GPS support.

6. On-going support

If the application is successful on-going support will be outlined in the Agreement forms indicating the expectations of the mission partner, organisation and GPS.