



Sending Commitment

The Book of Acts and the Book of Philippians paint a distinct picture of a local church partnering with Paul in reaching other nations with the gospel. In the spirit of these models, Sojourn seeks to have healthy and defined roles with those we send out and those with whom we partner. This partnership agreement allows all parties to understand their role in the relationship and help create a vibrant missions partnership.

Church's Responsibility

- Sojourn Community Church will seek to train, send out, and sustain its missionaries in a manner worthy of the Lord as modeled in Paul's relationship with Antioch (Acts 13ff) and his relationship with the Church at Philippi (Phil. 1&4)
- Sojourn commits to formally commission its missionaries at one or more of its campuses.
- Sojourn commits to pray for the missionary's needs as the church is made aware by the missionary through regular updates.
- Sojourn commits to provide member care through the missionary's adopted community groups, advocate team, coach, and the staff at Sojourn international.
- Sojourn commits to provide counseling either on-field or online as needed.
- Sojourn commits to stay involved in the missionary's life through its members and staff. This will include periodic communication and accountability from coaches and Sojourn International staff.
- Sojourn commits to provide the agreed-upon financial support if any agreement has been determined.

Lead Pastor

Church Mission Pastor/Director

Missionaries Responsibility

- The missionary will complete all the requirements laid out in the Global Missions Sending Process. These must be completed before the missionary is formally commissioned.
- The missionary will build deep relationships with leaders and members at Sojourn. This includes having a recommendation from an elder, developing an advocate team, and recruiting three adoptive community groups.
- The missionary will send quarterly updates/prayer needs to Sojourn International, advocate teams, and adoptive community groups. This is essential for people to pray effectively.
- The missionary will maintain open and honest communication with their Mission Director and the advocate team leader. Though there will be some initiation by the pastor and advocate team leader, these relationships need to be driven by the missionary.
- The missionary will fill out yearly reflection questions to help personally think through the year and to provide the Sojourn International staff with information to provide better care.
- Sojourn missionaries will commit at least 33% of their stateside time to living in Louisville and serving the church (3 months = 1 month in Louisville, 6 months = 2 months and 1 year = 4 months). This will include being a "missionary-in-residence," teaching at the School of Missions, speaking in community groups, mentoring missionary candidates, etc.
- All missionaries sent from Sojourn Community Church must agree and sign the member covenant and doctrinal statement. If at anytime the missionary can no longer live faithfully by these two documents, the missionary must let their Mission Director know.

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