



FREE METHODIST WORLD MISSIONS

Definitions and Acronyms

Church Planting & Development (CPD) – used to describe Country Support Account (CSA) for Asia funds

Commitment – the primary way Free Methodist World Missions has to track the health of Missionary Support Accounts (MSAs) and Country Support Accounts (CSAs). A commitment is notification from the donor to FMWM of the donor's intent to financially support an MSA or CSA in any of the following ways:

- on an on-going basis through check or automatic withdrawals
- for a specific amount with a clear beginning and ending date, or
- through a one-time gift to be given by a specific date.

Commitment does not mean:

- inferred giving (FMWM staff or missionary creating a commitment after discovering a regular pattern in a donor's giving) or
- a one-time gift given without the donor's prior notification of commitment.

Churches are encouraged to annually submit commitments to communicate intentions of missionary and/or ministry support.

Country Support Account (CSA) – funds designated to specific country budgets, providing assistance to FM indigenous evangelists and leaders who have limited financial resources, but minister with cultural effectiveness in vital FM ministries within that country in the areas of church planting/evangelism, leadership development, and compassion/community transformation.

Extra Mile Project (EMP) – initiatives established to meet specific needs outside of country support and missionary support. Each initiative is evaluated in light of ministry priorities and goes through an approval process before any funds are distributed. The two primary EMP uses are:

- limited term construction or purchase projects such as well drilling, buildings, medical equipment or other items with a definable financial goal.
- ongoing projects that are beneficial but not strategically critical or affordable enough to be added to the Country Support Account budget.

Free Methodist Church, USA (FMC-USA)

Free Methodist World Missions (FMWM)

Global Advisory Team (GAT) – composed of a bishop appointed by the Board of Bishops, area directors and additional FMWM leadership as determined by the Board of Bishops

Global Overseers Team (GOT) – composed of bishops, conference superintendents, area directors, FMC-USA Chief Operating Officer

International Child Care Ministries (ICCM)

Missionary Support Account (MSA) – includes a fixed amount common to all Free Methodist extended-term missionaries including salary, insurance and basic benefits. Also included is an additional variable amount based on their specific field expenses and world area budgets. This amount includes children’s education, rent, utilities, travel, etc.

Missions Resource Leadership Team (MRLT) – FMWM Liaison Bishop, WMC Chief Operating Officer and MRT Leader

Missions Resource Team (MRT) – the team that serves both FMWM leadership/missionaries and the FMC-USA by handling the administrative portion of missionary/volunteer deployment and logistical support; providing member care and resourcing to missionaries; promoting FMWM work around the world; and communicating with, training and resourcing local churches.

Pledge – online software term for “commitment.”

Project Identification Code (Project/Fund ID) – assigned to every approved ministry plan that requests funding. Project IDs are assigned at the time of approval using naming conventions for quick identification:

- The first two letters identify the type of project
 - MSAs begin with MS
 - CSAs begin with CS
 - VISA accounts begin with VI
 - EMPs begin with EP
- If applicable, the second two ID letters are the universal two-letter country codes (e.g. HT for Haiti, CL for Chile)
- The remainder of the code is an abbreviation of the project purpose

Recurring gift – donations set up online one time that are then automatically withdrawn from a bank account or charged to a credit card without the donor needing to do anything further

Volunteers in Service Abroad (VISA) – Individuals or families who engage in ministry outside the United States through teams or assignments that range from 1-2 weeks to 1-2 years. Applicants are matched to ministries that fit their unique skills and training. VISA Voyagers raise financial support with accountability to national leaders and missionaries.