

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
ABOUT**

CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST SPONSORSHIP

*(Read thoroughly before filling out the application.)
(Revised IJC 07/96, revised by Staff 2/2000)*

Christmas for Christ funds are raised at Christmas-time by our churches to support home missionaries. Application must be made by a minister to the General Home Missions Division for sponsorship. The Home Missions Division Administrative Committee reviews and researches each application and allocates the funds. This committee meets in March, and all who have applied are notified as to the disposition of the matter by mid April. Of course, there are many applications and we cannot sponsor all of them. We do not guarantee support to any applicant. We do promise, however, to be fair and open in our consideration of all concerned.

The Christmas for Christ program is very flexible. After a man is approved for CFC sponsorship, if he has never attended one before, he is brought to a training seminar for one week of intensive Home Missions training. Assistance may also include supplying advertising funds, giving financial help in renting a building and a place to live, and aiding in personal support. In many instances, in cooperation with the missionary's District Superintendent and District Home Missions Director, we do allow the allocation to go toward the purchase of property. We sponsor missionaries and property, taking into consideration the unique needs of an area, such as high cost and availability of property.

STEPS TO FOLLOW IN SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Complete the application fully, answering all questions to the best of your ability. Unanswered questions will delay consideration. **BE SURE** to attach a picture of yourself and your family.
2. Submit the application to the **DISTRICT HOME MISSIONS DIRECTOR** in the district in which the new project is located. Request him to make an appointment for you to meet the district board to consider their endorsement of the project.
3. It is your responsibility to have the application submitted to us. Ask them to send the approved application to the General Home Missions Division, **TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15.**

4. Please read the Article(s) under "Regulations Governing Investment of Funds for Property" in the current issue of the Manual of the United Pentecostal Church International (Incorporated).
5. All applications for grants must have the endorsement of the District Home Missions Executive Committee.
6. When the application pertains to a new work or the purchasing of property, it shall be the responsibility of the District Home Missions Executive Committee to investigate the property, check city regulations and all other matters relative to church property.
7. Churches must be set in order according to the current issue of the Manual of the United Pentecostal Church International (Incorporated). It is advisable that churches be locally incorporated.
8. Home Missions funds shall not be invested in property, etc., in which the title of ownership is held in question or **WHERE THE OWNERSHIP IS IN THE NAME OF AN INDIVIDUAL.**
9. All grants from the United Pentecostal Church International (Incorporated), (whether from the General Home Missions Division or otherwise) must be secured by an attachment of lien to the property deed if possible. The attachment of lien in this instance should stipulate that if such church agrees to withdraw from fellowship, or is terminated with the United Pentecostal Church International for any reason, or the church is dissolved, the said church, through its duly elected board of trustees, and pastor, must repay in full the amount of grants immediately or make arrangements to do so to the satisfaction of the General Home Missions Division

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE

1. Trustees:

Inasmuch as funds cannot be invested in property held in the name of an individual, it is recommended that the district assist the missionary in selecting the trustees. This should be discussed with the missionary when he is approved to start a new work or at least before he buys property.

The property is to be held in trust by the trustees for the local church, and not in an individual's name.

Provision should be made in the church by-laws for their duly elected successors.

In addition to the pastor, two of the following three persons and their successors should be listed:

1. District Superintendent
2. District Home Missions Director
3. Sectional Presbyter

2. Lien:

A standard lien attachment should be developed by each district in harmony with the laws of each state or province.

The procedure should be kept simple and free of unnecessary encumbrances.

The lien attachment applies to all home missions churches and includes Sheaves for Christ property grants, Christmas for Christ property grants, property appropriations from district funds, and all other sources of funds allocated.

3. Affiliation

It is necessary that the district officials take the initiative to set the church in order as soon as possible according to the current issue of the Manual of the United Pentecostal Church International.

The words, "automatically affiliated" are interpreted to mean that no vote of the church is necessary to affiliate the church. Affiliation may be accomplished at the time the missionary receives district board approval and submits the five dollar fee.

*** The word, "automatically," can be misleading. No work is affiliated with the United Pentecostal Church International unless an application is signed by pastor and District Board, the five dollar fee accompanies it, and it is sent to the General Secretary of the United Pentecostal Church International.*

NOTE: NO PROPERTY FUNDS CAN BE RELEASED TO THE DISTRICT UNTIL THESE AFFILIATION FORMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT WORLD EVANGELISM CENTER.

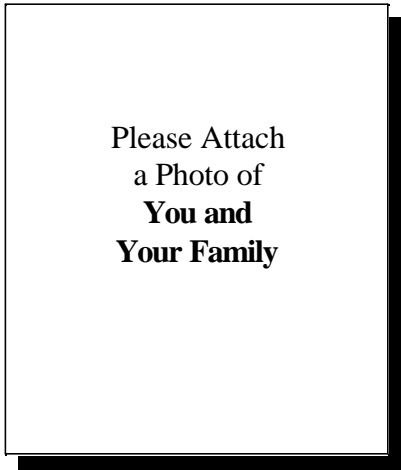
Do you agree to these provisions and suggestions? _____ If NO, please explain: _____

When submitting this application, please include a personal letter covering anything you feel is important to express your burden more fully.

May the Lord add His blessing.



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Please Attach
a Photo of
**You and
Your Family**

CFC APPLICATION

NOTE:
PLEASE TYPE
(DO NOT USE LONGHAND)

Date: _____, 20 _____

I desire sponsorship to the city of _____, State of _____.

Population of city _____.

Population of county (or metro area) _____.

1. Name in full: _____

Last
First
Middle
2. Present Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
3. Telephone:
Home Phone: _____
Daytime Phone: _____

PERSONAL -- FAMILY

4. Age of applicant: _____
5. Are you Married ___ Single ___ Divorced ___
6. Number of children living AT HOME: _____. (Ages ____, ____, ____, ____, ____)

7. What is the status of YOUR HEALTH at this time? (Explain fully) _____

8. What is the status of your WIFE'S HEALTH at this time? (Explain fully) _____

9. What is the status of your CHILDREN'S HEALTH at this time? (Explain fully) _____

10. Do you have any other dependents? _____ If so, please describe _____

11. Do you have the full support of your family in this move? _____ If NO, please explain

PERSONAL -- EDUCATION

12. Name of High School _____ City _____
 Did you graduate? _____ Year you graduated? _____
13. Name of College _____ City _____
 Did you graduate? _____ Year you graduated? _____
14. Name of Bible School _____ City _____
 Did you graduate? _____ Year you graduated? _____
15. Do you have any church construction experience? _____ If YES, describe: _____

16. Are you experienced in any kind of secular work? _____ If YES, describe: _____

17. What SECULAR job do you NOW hold? _____

18. Does your wife have a SECULAR job? _____ If YES, please describe: _____

19. What is your TOTAL current MONTHLY INCOME? (Please include all sources of income from the ministry, secular work, wife's secular work, investment income, etc.)

From SECULAR work \$ _____

From the MINISTRY \$ _____

OTHER (Include all) \$ _____

MONTHLY TOTAL \$ _____

20. What is your TOTAL current MONTHLY EXPENSES? (Please include all expenses.)

<u>Description:</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
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Automobile Payment(s)	\$ _____
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Automobile Insurance	_____
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Automobile Expenses	_____
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Home Mortgage (rent)	_____
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Average Utilities Combined	_____
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Telephone	_____
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Furniture Payments	_____
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Home Insurance	_____
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Doctor Bills	_____
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Credit Cards Payments	_____
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Personal Loan Payments	_____
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Real Estate <i>(other than home)</i>	_____
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Groceries	_____
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Clothing <i>(And other family expenses)</i>	_____
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Other Debts and Payments	_____
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TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS \$ _____

21. Are you current in repaying your debts? _____ If NO, explain: _____

22. Have you ever declared BANKRUPTCY? _____ If YES, explain: _____

23. I authorize the General Home Missions Division to request a credit reference check on my name if deemed necessary.

Signature Date

PERSONAL -- DOCTRINE

24. What do you preach to be essentials as the Bible requirements for salvation? _____

25. How do you interpret the Bible requirement of holiness? _____

26. What is your approach in presenting holiness to new converts? _____

27. Do you have a television set? _____

28. What are your convictions concerning television? _____

PERSONAL -- COOPERATION

29. Have you cooperated with the financial plan (tithing, etc.) of your district? _____ If NO, please explain: _____

30. Did you PERSONALLY support CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST last year? _____ If YES, what was the amount \$_____.

31. How much are you PERSONALLY GIVING to the following programs?
HOME MISSIONS (Amount monthly) \$_____

FOREIGN MISSIONS (Amount monthly) \$ _____

SHEAVES FOR CHRIST (Amount monthly) \$ _____

32. Will you cooperate with the General Home Missions Division and the district? _____

33. Will you affiliate your assembly with the United Pentecostal Church? _____

(PLEASE NOTE: IF ANY MONEY is granted, it is REQUIRED that the church be AFFILIATED.)

PERSONAL-MINISTRY

34. Where did you receive the Holy Ghost? Place _____ Year _____

35. What is your present ministry status? PASTOR _____ Assistant _____ EVANGELIST _____

If OTHER, please describe: _____

If a FULL TIME PASTOR, how long? _____ Years

If a FULL TIME EVANGELIST, how long? _____ Years

36. How long have you been in the ministry? _____ Years

37. What type of license do you hold?

LOCAL _____ Date Issued _____

GENERAL _____ Date Issued _____

ORDAINED _____ Date Issued _____

38. Present Pastor:

Name _____

Church _____

Address _____

City, ST ZIP _____

Telephone _____

39. Please list all FORMER PASTORS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

40. If PASTORING, where is your PRESENT field of labor?

Name of Church _____

City _____ State _____

(a) When was the church started? Date: _____

(b) How long have you been at the PRESENT field of labor? ____ Years ____ Months

(c) How much growth has the church experienced NUMERICALLY under YOUR MINISTRY? Begin with _____ members, presently have _____ members.

41. How many souls have YOU won during the past two years OUTSIDE the pulpit (through personal home Bible studies, etc.)? _____

TARGET CITY

42. How did you arrive at the feeling that this was the city for you? _____

43. Why are you interested in this city? _____

44. Do you know any Pentecostal people in the city? _____

45. Is this a growing area? _____ Please describe: _____

46. If you receive CFC sponsorship, will you aggressively evangelize your city to the best of your ability? _____
- (a) What is your basic approach in soulwinning? _____

47. When would you be able to move to the city, if you are not yet on site? _____
48. What is the minimum length of years you feel a minister should stay with a new church plant before moving to another work? _____ Years.
49. What is the name of the NEAREST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH to your NEW HOME MISSIONS PROJECT?
- Name of church: _____
- City: _____
- Pastor: _____
- Distance from you: _____ Miles

IF YOU ARE ALREADY ON SITE

50. When was the church started? Month _____ Year _____
51. How long have you been with the church? _____ Years _____ Months
52. How many FAMILIES are in the church? _____
- (a) How many ADULTS (age 16 and over) are filled with the Holy Ghost? _____
- (b) How many CHILDREN are filled with the Holy Ghost? _____
53. Where are you conducting services at the PRESENT TIME? _____

54. Are you PRESENTLY... Buying _____ Renting _____ Leasing _____ your church?
55. What is the TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME from the church?
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|-----|-----------|---------|-----------|
| (a) | TITHES | \$_____ | Per Month |
| | OFFERINGS | \$_____ | Per Month |
| | TOTAL | \$_____ | Per Month |

56. What is the TOTAL MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSE? \$ _____
57. What is the PRESENT TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS of the church? \$ _____
58. Is the church current with its financial obligations? _____ If NO, please explain: _____
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59. How much MONEY IS IN THE CHURCH BANK ACCOUNTS (all accounts) at the PRESENT TIME? \$ _____
60. How much financial help has the DISTRICT given to this project? \$ _____
61. How much have you received from SHEAVES FOR CHRIST? \$ _____
62. If you applied for CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST support before, please indicate the year(s) and the amount given or requested:

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

63. If you are granted CFC sponsorship, how would you prefer the grant to be allocated?
- (a) PROPERTY _____
- Will the funds be used to:*
- (1) Purchase land _____ (2) Build a building _____
- (3) Purchase an existing building _____ (4) Remodel building _____

NOTE: If this request is for "PROPERTY", what is the amount you are requesting?

\$ _____

- (b) PERSONAL _____

NOTE: If this request is for "PERSONAL" support, what is the ESTIMATED realistic MONTHLY INCOME you would need to meet your obligations?

\$ _____ Per Month

64. What are your plans if you DO NOT RECEIVE CFC sponsorship? _____
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REFERENCES

Please give the names and addresses of the persons requested below:

Present Pastor

Present District Superintendent

Present Presbyter

Former District Superintendent

Former Presbyter

Businessman

College Instructor (*if applicable*)

Present Closest Neighboring Pastor

Minister Friend

Minister Friend

Mentor

I have answered the preceding questions to the best of my knowledge and understanding. If I am chosen to be sponsored as a home missionary, I pledge to cooperate with the General Home Missions Division in every possible way, as well as with the district into which I will be going.

Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse _____ Date _____

DISTRICT ACTION

The above application has been reviewed and was approved by our District Board (or District Home Missions Executive Committee) on (date) _____. We recommend the above applicant to the General Home Missions Division and request sponsorship in the Christmas for Christ program.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED

DISTRICT WHERE CHURCH IS LOCATED

District Superintendent _____ Date _____

District Secretary _____ Date _____

Home Missions Director _____ Date _____

DISTRICT WHERE MISSIONARY IS A MEMBER

(If coming from another district)

District Superintendent _____ Date _____

District Secretary _____ Date _____

Home Missions Director _____ Date _____

NOTE TO THE APPLICANT: *Please write a personal letter to the General Home Missions Director in the month of February giving up-to-date information on your attendance, finance, needs and spiritual advance to assist the CFC Administrative Committee in its decision.*