

Simpsonwood UMC

Missions Criteria for Recipient Funding

The Mission must align with currently established strategic areas of focus, which are determined annually; below are the criteria for funding in 2016.

The goal of the Missions Committee at Simpsonwood UMC is to **know Christ** by encouraging our members to serve outside the church walls through the committee's selection and support of Christian missions and **to make Him known** by promoting missions that provide shalom to the chaotic world of the hungry, impoverished, ill, and illiterate in order that they will come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Mandatory Criteria- (all must be met by recipient)

- 501(c)(3) status; except for any mission run exclusively by Simpsonwood UMC; e.g. HOPE and Member Assistance Fund
- Christian-based mission
- Must have active liaison from SUMC
- Must directly serve client base

Organizational Criteria- (Impacts priority and amount of funding. None are thresholds for receiving funds, but the more criteria are met, the greater the chance and amount of funding)

- Small organization where contribution has impact
- Clients are poor, homeless, or have medical needs
- Christian-based staff
- Christian message being taught to clients; making disciples
- Affiliation with the United Methodist Church
- Opportunity for volunteer involvement from SUMC

Allocation to Geographical Area is determined annually based on Missions Goals within the church's overall strategic plan

- 2016 funding mix for domestic (70%) and international (30%)