

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Texas Partners in Mission

Q: How many missions are there in the Texas District?

A: *The Texas District and Texas Partners in Mission currently supports 66 missions and agencies which represent over 80 ministries throughout the Texas District. Approximately one-third represent English speaking mission starts, commonly in new suburban areas of major metropolitan cities. Approximately one-third represent Spanish speaking missions. The missions in the last one-third are represented by student ministries at state universities, deaf ministries, and ministries to people in approximately 13 non-English and non-Spanish languages.*

Q: Why are funds needed to start these new missions, can't we support the new missions through the regular budget of the Texas District?

A: *The opportunities to start new missions outpaces the resources available in the regular budget of the Texas District.*

Q: How are these funds used?

A: *The funds are intended to provide start up support. In most cases, the funds are to be repaid by the mission so that the total fund is never exhausted of support for future new missions.*

Q: Can I designate my gift for a specific mission?

A: *You can designate your gift only to the limit that the Texas District has assigned to the particular mission. Gifts above this limit should be given directly by the donor to the mission.*

Q: Is there a different funding support ratio for English speaking and non-English speaking mission starts?

A: *Yes, two basic formulas exist:*

- 1. English speaking missions receive a \$200,000 loan, interest free which will be repaid over 20 years.*
- 2. Non-English speaking missions receive a \$100,000 loan over 3 - 5 years, interest free, 50% will be repaid over 20 years, 50% is a gift.*

Q: Who makes the decisions on how funds are used from Texas Partners in Mission?

A: *The District President and the Board of Mission Administration make those decisions.*

Q: Can multi-gift pledges be made, or do you only accept individual one-time gifts?

A: *Larger gifts can usually be made over multiple payments, so a donor can indicate a multi-payment plan for their gift.*

Q: Is there a \$1,000 limit to the Church Extension Fund's 100PLUS1 matching program?

A: *There is NO LIMIT to the match that CEF will make as long as a minimum \$5,000 new investment is opened with CEF. CEF will also increase the interest rate on the investment by 1% when the minimum \$1,000 gift is given to Texas Partners in Mission. We appreciate this generous support from CEF, but we also know CEF may change this program in the future, so the time to act is NOW!*

