



Support unity in the Church for the sake of Christ's mission
By Becoming a Missions Fest Partner Church



2017/2018

What is Missions Fest?

Missions Fest has served the church by acting as a catalyst for mission for 32 years. We help people discover how their unique skills, gifts, knowledge and bodies can be used to bring God's redemption and reconciliation, flourishing and fullness (Shalom) to creation in every season of their lives. We do this by creating spaces where people interact with Spirit filled change agents, both virtually and face to face, throughout the year. These encounters are primarily directed to partnership development, so that together, the good news of Jesus is proclaimed and spiritual and physical needs in the communities around us are met.

In each space we want to:

1. **Inform** people about needs (physical, spiritual) around the world and opportunities to serve,
2. **Educate** people to meet needs intelligently and with excellence,
3. **Celebrate** what God is doing through His people around the world, and
4. **Challenge** people of all ages to get involved in God's mission by going, sending, praying, and giving.

Benefits of Becoming a Partner Church (Sponsor)

By Pooling our Resources....

- Missions Fest brings you **world renowned speakers** who would otherwise be out of reach for most churches.
- We **attract experienced mission personnel** to present over sixty relevant seminars for free. This would be prohibitively expensive for individual churches.
- We provide **high quality age-specific programs** for the whole family.
- We attract **hundreds of mission agencies** to come and share their experience and expertise with our local people.
- We connect your congregation to **opportunities to serve** with their unique gifts and talents both here and around the world throughout the year
- Missions Fest gives you **access to information** on world missions that a search engine can't provide
- We are able to use **first-class facilities**.

By Working Together...

- You **get a say** in the planning of the conference. This event belongs to the local churches and exists only on this basis. The Board of Missions Fest is chosen from the church representatives which you select
- We **break down isolation** and encourage the church to walk together in diversity as the body of Christ
- We affirm **unity in the body of Christ**. Missions Fest gives your people the "big picture". They will see your church having a significant part in global missions, not only within one's denomination but also within the greater Body of Christ in the world
- We provide opportunities for individuals to **hear God's call**

Benefits of Working Together cont'd.

- We provide **educational opportunities** for individuals to become a valuable resource for your congregation.
- Missions Fest develops in your members a **healthy, outward focus** with a passion for the spiritually lost. They become **generous givers** understanding the needs of others, and how they can personally make a difference
- Missions Fest provides **fresh perspectives** and support for your missionally minded congregation

Other benefits of being a Partner Church...

- Missions Fest gives you **discounts** on youth tickets and concerts, advance access to bulletin inserts, Program Guide Magazines and the promotional DVD
- Missions Fest gives you discounts on Classic **Videos for your church library** and education programs.
- Missions Fest **lists your church as a partner** in its publications.

What is a Missions Fest “Partner Church”?

Identifies with the purposes of Missions Fest as stated in the Policies of Missions Fest* and agrees with the Statement of Faith* that is adopted by Missions Fest.

Understands that the defining marks of a Partner Church are the following:

1. Agrees to appoint one or two official representatives (maximum of two) who:
 - a) will serve as the liaison between our church and Missions Fest
 - b) will be appointed to be a voting member of the Missions Fest Society, whose responsibility it will be to attend the AGM and extraordinary general meetings*
 - c) may assist in planning the next Festival by joining a Working Team. (6/year – 2 x Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb)
 - d) will help recruit volunteers needed to facilitate the festival.
 - e) will help advertise Missions Fest events in our church
2. Agrees to mark the weekend of Missions Fest 2017 (**Jan 27-29, 2017**) on our church calendar and invite our people to attend by making pulpit announcements and by distribution of publicity materials.
3. Agrees to make a financial donation to Missions Fest to assist with the preparations of the coming festival. (A guideline is \$3.00 per person based on the church’s average attendance.)

**Missions Fest Policies, Statement of Faith and Membership forms are all available on the Partnering Churches portion of our website: www.missionsfestvancouver.ca. Appointment of Church Representative(s) form on next pages: “Application for Membership” form*

Note: According to the Society’s Constitution a member who misses the AGM and does not provide a reason will be removed from membership. This is not the same as the representative being removed or the church losing its role as a partner church. A written request from the church’s pastor should be made to have the member re-enrolled.

MISSIONS FEST POLICIES

Definition of Missions:

We define mission as a work of God, a work we are invited into, to redeem and reconcile all creation to God and bring flourishing and fullness (Shalom) to the earth.

Missions Fest Purposes:

1. To inform Christians of their responsibility in sharing the good news of Christ in word and deed.
2. To challenge Christians to go and get involved in sharing the good news of Christ.
3. To celebrate what our missional God is doing in the world.

Missions Fest includes a broad spectrum of Christian denominations and organizations. Care is taken to ensure that one organization, denomination or movement is not given excessive exposure. The emphasis is on glorifying and honouring Jesus.

The Missions Fest Management Team:

- **Members:** are Official Representatives appointed by each Partner (Sponsoring) Church. A maximum of two can be appointed. Representatives when approved by the Missions Fest Board of Directors are members of the Missions Festival (Missions Fest) Society and may vote on matters of policy. The Member is expected to attend the AGM, act as a liaison between Missions Fest and the Church, recruit volunteers and keep the church leadership informed about Missions Fest and Missions Fest events. If a member does not attend the AGM without notice his/her membership will be withdrawn.
- **The Board of Directors.** The Management Team will elect from among its membership, Directors consisting of: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Members-at-large. Not more than one Director per congregation is allowed to fill this role. The Board is responsible to the Members for their decisions and actions. Board members are chosen from among representatives who have served at least one year. The term of office for each Board member is two years. A board member who has served for six consecutive years shall not be considered eligible for re-election for a period of one year. In order to provide continuity, approximately one-half of the officers will be elected each year.
- **The Nominating Committee** consists of two Board members who are not eligible for re-election in the current year, and three members of the Society who are not Board members. A new non-board member is elected each year to the nominating committee and serves a three year term. The chairman of the committee selected from among the committee.
- **Working Teams** are teams of volunteers who form a committee which is responsible for the operation and organization of an area of the conference. There are approximately 20 areas the working teams are responsible for. The members of a working team can be from non-partnering churches. Representatives from Christian organizations may sit in on planning meetings as resource people. These teams meet twice in September, and once in October, November, January, and February to plan and implement the program each year. Normally, the third Thursday evening has been designated for the meetings. New members for these committees are brought on-board in September.
- **Registration:** Because Missions Fest is designed for the entire family, and because we do not wish anyone to be prevented from coming, no general registration fee will be charged.
- **Funding:** The four main sources of funding are:
 1. Donations from the Partnering Churches
 2. Space rental from the organizations that have an exhibit
 3. Ticket sales for the Youth event and concerts.
 4. Donations made by individuals and received during the conference or mailed during the year.

Missions Fest

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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We believe...

1. That there is only One God, eternally existent in Three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
2. In the divine inspiration of Holy Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, and its consequent entire trustworthiness and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct;
3. In the universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall, making man subject to God's wrath and everlasting damnation;
4. In the substitutionary sacrifice of the incarnate Son of God as the sole ground for redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin;
5. In the justification of the sinner by the grace of God through faith alone in Christ crucified and risen from the dead.
6. In the illuminating, regenerating, indwelling and sanctifying work of God, the Holy Spirit, in the believer;
7. In the unity and common priesthood of all true believers, who together form the one universal Church, the Body of which Christ is the Head;
8. In the expectation of the personal, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ
9. In the mandate to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that is commanded.

We, as a church, wholeheartedly agree with and endorse the Missions Fest Statement of Faith as stated above.

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Church Name _____

Date _____

Please return this document with your application form to Missions Fest.

Email/Fax/ Mail it to: registrar@missionsfestvancouver.ca | Missions Fest, 7200 Cariboo Road, Burnaby, BC V3N 4A7
Tel. 604-524-9944 | Fax. 604-524-4690

Missions Fest 2016/2017 Sponsoring Church Registration Form

(Fiscal year: March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017)
Partnering Church Agreement with Missions Festival (Missions Fest) Society

As a Partner (Sponsoring) Church, we identify with the purposes of Missions Fest as stated in the Policies of Missions Fest* and we agree with the Statement of Faith* that is adopted by Missions Fest.

- d. will help recruit volunteers needed to facilitate the festival.
- e. will help advertise Missions Fest events in our church

We understand the defining marks of a Partner Church to be the following. A Partner Church:

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New partnering church Date: _____

Church Name:		
Church Address:		
Street	City	PC
Telephone:	Church Email:	
Church start date:	Church website:	
Church legal status (i.e. charity):	No. of Missions Fest magazines requested:	No. of Missions Fest bulletin inserts requested:
Estimated average attendance on Sunday service(s):	Sponsorship Cheque Enclosed: \$	
What is the main reason that you are becoming a Partnering Church?		
Youth leader or pastor:	Youth leader Email:	
Senior Pastor Name (Print)		
Senior Pastor Email:	Sr. pastor Signature:	

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Appointing Church Representative(s) to Missions Fest Vancouver

Job Description

The official church representative will:

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- b. may assist in planning the next Festival by joining a Working Team. (6/year – 2 x Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb)
- c. help recruit volunteers needed to facilitate the festival.
- d. help promote Missions Fest events in our church
- e. attend the annual general meeting (held in May each year) or extraordinary general meetings as a member of the Society.

Instructions

1. Find one or two suitable persons of integrity and stature from your congregation.
2. Bring their names to your board of leadership for approval.
3. If approved, invite them to serve as appointed representatives to Missions Fest.
4. Have these forms completed and signed as acknowledged by the person(s) invited to stand for this position.
5. Then have these forms signed by the pastor of the church.
6. Attach the membership applications to the Church Registration/Renewal form.

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Application for Membership

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The Missions Festival (Missions Fest) Society

7200 Cariboo Road, Burnaby, BC V3N 4A7

To the Board of Directors:

I hereby apply to be a member of this Society and declare the following:

1. I am over 18 years of age.
2. I have been a member in good standing for at least one year, of a church which subscribes to the Statement of Faith of this Society, and I continue to be a member in good standing of this church.
3. I have been appointed by my church to represent my church.
4. By signing below, I hereby give written evidence of my wholehearted agreement with the Constitution of the Society (available upon request).
5. I realize that if I am not actively attending the AGM or extraordinary general meetings during the year, my membership (if approved) will be withdrawn.
6. I am aware that my responsibilities as a member of the society are:
 - a. to serve as liaison between our church and Missions Fest
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Name: _____ Signature: _____
(Please PRINT)

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Night) _____

Fax _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Appointed Representative of _____
(Name of Church)

Pastors Signature _____

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For Missions Fest office use only:

Date: _____ Approved by: _____

Board Member



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