

**Amendment to the By-Laws Concerning:
Our Position on Support of Local and Foreign Missionaries**

- At Covenant Bible Church(hereafter “CBC”), we believe that the Bible is sufficient to govern all things, including local and world mission. *(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*
- *We reject the notion that current trends in mission efforts, claims of progress and success, and denominational tradition should set the standard for how gospel ministry should be carried out.*
- We believe God is honored and Christian virtue is displayed most vividly when the Church obeys God’s Word. *(1 Samuel 15:22; John 14:21,23; 1 John 2:3-5; 5:2)*
- *We reject the notion that the church’s mission should be carried out in reactionary responses to cultural trends, pragmatism, or unbiblical creativity.*
- We believe God’s Word gives a clear pattern for how mission efforts should be carried out. *(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*
- *We reject the idea that every local congregation and denomination is left to itself to determine how ministry should best be carried out.*
- We believe the local church is the instrument in the world today to be used of God to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and that all mission efforts should find their origin in the ministry of the local church. *(Acts 13:1-3)*
- *We reject the notion that para-church organizations, ministries, families or individuals should embark on gospel ministry that is not first conceived in the womb of and brought forth from, the local church.*
- We believe the local church should confirm the Holy Spirit’s call of a minister and commission them for service. The church has the authority to grant or deny permission for individuals to conduct ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. *(Matthew 16:19, 18:18-20; Acts 13:1-3)*
- *We reject an individualistic, unverified call validated only by the word of individuals.*
- We believe ministers sent by the local church and supported by the local church are under the umbrella of authority of that church and should remain accountable to the church as a delegate of that local congregation. *(Acts 14:26-28; 21:19)*
- *We reject any concept of rogue ministers who desire to “go it alone” or are sent out with very little subjection to the authority of the local church/churches who have sent them.*
- *Any missionaries from outside of our congregation, being members of a church that does not hold to the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith, will be required to read through our confession and agree to our church’s historical position on the doctrines that are addressed.*
- *While we do not require absolute agreement on all matters, we do reserve the right to withhold support or blessing from any missionaries who we believe to be holding to less than orthodox beliefs.*

- *Any missionaries who receive financial support from CBC, from the established time that the support begins, will be employees of Covenant Bible Church. As employees and commissioned ministers, they willfully subject themselves to the governed by the Elders of this local congregation and also submit to the discipline of the same congregation.*
- *We must humbly deny support to any missionary who would desire to receive the financial benefits of a local congregation without also receiving the blessing of its servant leadership and accountability.*