Missions Council

Purpose:

To Communicate/Coordinate mission activities/plans for the overall church. In the spirit of Acts 1:8, to serve as an overall mission's coordination, collaboration, and communication committee that functions as an aid to the various mission groups and/or mission projects to ensure optimum utilization of resources within the church, allowing for possible concentrated participation from all mission segments of the church.

To distribute budgeted "Vision/Mission" funds to unfunded mission opportunities that arise during the year.

Membership:

The Mission Council is composed of the Lead Pastor and other called staff, along with six (06) members serving by virtue of position for as long as they hold that position. The following committees will provide a representative to meetings, and members of other entities may be called on for consultation:

- Baptist Men
- Student Ministry
- Women's Ministry Director
- Community Relations Committee
- Children's Ministry
- Benevolence Committee

Relationships:

The council assists the church, within the realm of the council's purpose, in fulfilling the church's Mission: To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to minister to the needs of our congregation, the community, and the world through the leadership of the Holy Spirit. This committee shall utilize the five Biblical Functions of Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism in meeting the council's purpose and duties and in communicating, collaborating, coordinating, and cooperating with others. The Committee Chair serves as a member of the Church Council.

Duties:

1. Coordinate all mission activity by church mission groups.

2. Work with all mission groups to ensure that the church is providing a balanced approach to Acts 1:8, informing mission groups of areas where potential synergies may exist between/among the various mission plan

3. Work with mission groups throughout the year and develop ARBC's global missions strategy for the following year.

4. Serve as a resource to which any and/or all mission groups may come for ideas/assistance.

5. Submit annual budget request to the Budget and Finance Committee for the Vision/Mission account for use to fund mission opportunities that may arise during the year.

6. The Missions Council:
    a. Does not have any budget responsibilities regarding planned/funded missions.
    b. Does not act as an approving body for church-wide mission activities.

7. Meet as often as needed to accomplish the committee's purpose.

8. Invite assigned Pastoral staff and Deacon liaisons to council meetings and provide a copy of meeting minutes.