

CNH District's Mission Agency
Hands-On Mission Scholarship Application
Lay Leadership Development Training



The CNH District's Mission Agency Hands-On Mission Scholarships are available for application one time per year. The amounts for the Lay Leadership Development Training Scholarship will range between \$100 - \$800 per congregation and will be awarded taking into consideration a sound and clear mission plan, a basis of need, and on a "first come, first served" basis. Scholarships may be applied to registration, travel, or housing, but will be available only once per year per congregation at a level not to exceed \$800 per year.

(Please note that this scholarship is for lay people. Rostered Church Workers should contact Aldebaran Austin (aldebaran@cnh-icms.org) regarding other sources for Leadership Development grants.)

Please provide the following:

1. Contact information

Name of church _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Church Phone _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Person's Phone Number _____

Signature of pastor or pastor's representative _____

2. A description and dates for the training/experiential learning opportunity

3. Names and brief bios of attendees

4. A simple budget of your anticipated costs

5. The amount of funding you are requesting

6. Will you require additional funding to attend training/experiential learning? If yes, please list sources from outside the congregation.

7. What skills/knowledge do you hope to learn from this experience and how do you anticipate applying what you learn in your local mission context?

Please send your completed application to Aldebaran Austin at aldebaran@cnh-icms.org.

Allow 3-4 weeks for processing.

Plan to apply what you've learned

The purpose of these scholarships is to equip laity in their growth as the missionary people of God and to ideally assist them as they consider how they join in Jesus' mission in their home context. We believe your mission experience or training you are attending will have greater impact upon you and your local mission context when you engage in some pre-planning for your re-engagement before you leave for your training or experience. We'd like to help you be successful. So, we recommend ...

- 1) Before you go, ask these questions:
 - a. What do you hope to get out of this experience?
 - b. How will it affect your congregation?
 - c. What will you do with what you have learned?

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- 2) When you return (within 30 days AFTER your experience), ask the above questions again. As you reflect on what you've learned and your next steps, we request that you complete and submit a plan for a mission initiative in your local context. We want to work with you and coach you.

Your local mission initiative may include but not be limited to ...

- a. a clear local purpose;
 - b. an intentional witness to the community using the Gospel;
 - c. a plan for your mission initiative in your local context and a preferred timeline;
 - d. hoped-for outcomes from your mission initiative;
 - e. financial and personnel planning.
- 3) After this initiative is in process, you can assist and encourage others by writing a brief reflection (200-500 words) on what you and/or your congregation learned and what the next steps might be. If mutually agreed upon, this reflection may be used in a CNH Mission publication including pictures you supply.

(For your home context mission initiative, you are invited to apply for additional funds through the CNH Missions Community Outreach mini-grant. Go to <http://www.cnh-lcms.org/missionfundingopportunities> for an application.)

Please note that the CNH District's Mission Agency Hands-On Mission Scholarships are available for application one time per year for each congregation in the District. Both applications (Lay Leadership Development and Short-Term Mission Trips) fall under the umbrella of "Hands-On Mission Scholarships." Because of that, congregations are to decide if they want to apply for one or the other during a calendar year. Since there are limited funds for this scholarship, we want to make it available to as many congregations in the District as possible.