**Bragg Creek Community Church**

**Ministry and short-term mission trip scholarship**

**Policy**

Funds for the scholarships will come from the ministry scholarship line in the budget.

 Scholarships will be awarded to: 1.) individuals in our congregation who are participating in a short-term mission trip or outreach ministry opportunity in partnership with a church or approved missions agency. 2.) Individuals seeking specific training in an area pertaining to a current ministry they are engaged in for use in workshops, or conferences.

 All applications must be approved and signed by the Pastor or Youth Director before submission to Council. A scholarship may be awarded to an individual for up $500 toward tuition of the mission trip. The quantity and amounts of scholarships awarded will depend on the identified financial need of the applicant, as well as the funds available at the time of the request(s) as determined by the Council on a first come, first serve basis. No “loans" will be made for trips. Two Council signatures are required for any issued cheques.

 The applicant must specify the name of the Missions organization or church they will be serving with. Upon approval they will also provide a receipt and a report back as to how the funds were used. Applicants may request a scholarship once per calendar year with preference given to those who have not received assistance previously.

 In the case of those going on missions, recipients of funds will be expected to share their experience with the congregation and others through a story, poster display, or presentations to church groups, or through a blog. The presentations should tell the story of how they saw Jesus working in the lives of those with whom they went to serve and their growth from it.

 In the case of those going for training at conferences or workshops, there must be prior agreement with the relevant ministry lead about the learning objectives and how the training will be subsequently used.

 All applicants for missionary trips will be expected to seek other assistance for their trip by writing letters of request to family and friends, or by other fund-raising activities to supplement the cost of the trip. Fund raising activities within Bragg Creek congregation must be approved in advance by the Senior Pastor, or as provided through church policy.