Homeland Mission Project Guidelines

It is part of the mission of the Columbia Union to 'Partner' with our local conferences in funding local projects which will enable us to accomplish our Vision and voted Priorities.

Our Vision:

Every member knows, experiences, and participates in the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Our 2011-2016 Priorities:

Youth/Young Adults

Engage and partner with youth and young adults to further the mission of the church

Evangelism

Impact our communities by revealing the love of Christ, inviting people to accept Christ as their Savior and sharing the distinct Seventh-day Adventist message

Education

Foster excellence in spiritual and academic development in Adventist schools and support programs that promote affordability and increased enrollment

Local Church Revitalization

Promote healthy families and churches by uniting members through personal spiritual renewal and active engagement in ministry

• Innovation in Church Ministry

Embrace innovation in ministry to respond relevantly to the changing needs of our church and community

Leadership Development

Maximize the vitality of the church by supporting leadership development, promoting effectiveness and assuring equality

Project Evaluation Criteria:

- Projects must be financially supported by and subject to the governance of the local conference. If project has its own 501(c)(3) it is not eligible for Union funding.
- Projects must effectively demonstrate that they help promote and fulfill the Union's priorities and vision.
- Subsidies are made one year at a time for a maximum of 3 years. Funding applications must be submitted annually. Present funding does not guarantee future funding.
- Projects may include a capital expenditure such as the purchase of equipment. If salaries for specific
 workers for a specified period are to be included, an adequate plan of sustainability for the project must
 be attached.