



## THE FOURSQUARE CHURCH

# Extension tithe and missions

### What is "extension tithe"?

The Foursquare bylaws outline the model by which the convention body of Foursquare ministers chose to establish the "ministry extension tithe fund" as a primary method to finance the operations of the The Foursquare Church (which includes district offices and other teams) based on biblical principle.

Section 16 of the Foursquare Handbook of Operations states that the extension tithe is **10% of unrestricted donations** (i.e., tithes and offerings) given to the church. This calculation should exclude donor-restricted contributions (i.e., building, missions, benevolence, etc.) and other aligned business income such as school, daycare, facility rental etc.

### Article 9 of the Foursquare bylaws explains the purpose of the ministry extension tithe fund::

"Understanding that Foursquare churches embrace the biblical principle and blessing of tithing, the board may choose to receive, distribute or cause to be retained by the local church, any amount of the churches' tithe on the tithes and offerings received locally, up to ten percent. Amounts of the extension tithe authorized by the board to be retained by the local church shall be used for missional activity in the areas of leadership development, church transformation, and church multiplication, at the discretion of the local church. Local churches shall provide to their district offices periodic reports regarding the use of those funds. Amounts of the extension tithe not retained by the local church shall be transmitted promptly each month, according to provided instructions. This fund shall be used by the central, national and district offices for operations and ministry advancement."

### What is required of churches, church plants and missional congregations?

Each congregation receives a Foursquare ID in The Hub and should complete Foursquare Monthly Church Reports and submit extension tithes through the Foursquare Hub.

### What about the mission's support?

Since its inception, Foursquare has been committed to the cause of worldwide evangelism and created Foursquare Missions International (FMI) for this purpose. Local churches, plants and congregations are asked to support FMI by receiving a dedicated monthly mission offering to support our global effort to reach and disciple the lost. FMI deploys missionary workers to all parts of the world to spread the gospel in addition to the short-term missions trips they facilitate each year. Through many decades of focused

effort, FMI has developed a strategic network of missionary workers and resources around the globe, including many countries that are nearly impossible to reach without the benefit of this kind of network. This provides strategic entry points for funding and resources to be routed to highly secure and hard-to-reach areas. The Foursquare Church encourages churches, plants, and congregations to take advantage of this resource by sponsoring countries or projects, participating in cross-cultural ministries, and short and long-term mission's trips. Please contact your district office for more information on mission's trips.