



ASSOCIATED MINISTERS PARTNERSHIP

HELPING ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THEIR INDEPENDENT MINISTRY

The **Associated Ministers Partnership (AMP)** is designed to provide paid work experiences for approved charitable activities or charitable projects to individuals who meet the requirements of the program. It is structured as a Field of Interest Fund of the Joy to the World Foundation and is based on the Biblical principle of 1 Corinthians 9:14, “the Lord has directed that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.” AMP provides a means for ordained ministers and others doing ministry to receive financial support for their work in recognized ministry.

The JOY TO THE WORLD FOUNDATION, a tax-exempt public charity, will operate the project. AMP enables friends, other individuals and organizations to support an individual involved in ministry through tax-deductible contributions. This program provides individuals who have been selected by the AMP committee of JOY TO THE WORLD FOUNDATION, to raise personal support to compensate them for their work in the ministry and receive a Minister’s Housing Allowance if applicable. The JOY TO THE WORLD FOUNDATION functions as a mission agency enabling the minister to structure his or her own ministry without having to work directly for a church or religious organization. The ministry contractors, like other missionaries, serve as fundraisers to develop support for the AMP project.

The Associated Ministers Partnership of The JOY TO THE WORLD FOUNDATION receives donations, keeps records of them and issues tax-deductible receipts for donors and monitors their approved housing allowance. The Associated Ministers Partnership pays monthly compensation checks to the ministers who are self-employed contractors for their housing allowance and then payments can be made to their non-profit corporation if they have one or through our partner organization, Workforce International for which they will receive an IRS 1099 form to report the income received.

Acceptance in the Program: In order to be approved as an Associated Minister, the AMP program requires:

- An application to the JOY TO THE WORLD FOUNDATION
- Ministers Housing Allowance worksheet, if appropriate
- A budget and compensation worksheet
- A description of the duties and responsibilities the Associated Minister will have with the ministry
- A Letter of Ordination, or License and a Letter of Assignment from a Church

- One of the following from the assigning church: 1) IRS Determination Letter; 2) website for the church showing activities; 3) state registration showing status as a church.
- Quarterly updates of activities performed, this can be a donor newsletter or similar report of activities.

Applications will be reviewed and approved by the AMP advisory committee of the JOY TO THE WORLD FOUNDATION Board of Directors. Upon approval, the applicant will be notified of his or her acceptance, given a Handbook and other materials, will be set up with an account number and can begin fundraising for his or her project.

Finances: The Associated Ministers Partnership of the JOY TO THE WORLD FOUNDATION operates as a mission organization and as such, ministry contractors are required to raise support needed to fund the ministry project with the Foundation for which they are contracted to perform services.

The JOY TO THE WORLD FOUNDATION deducts an administrative fee of 5% from each contribution to the project for its operating expenses. While this fee does not cover our total operating expenses, it does help to defray the costs.

Communication with Donors: Tax-deductible receipts and remittance envelopes for contributions are sent directly to the donors by the Foundation. Each AMP contractor is responsible to recruit donors and to correspond regularly with them by means of notes or newsletters.

Compensation Rates: The AMP compensation rate is based on the work to be performed and is not based on need. The compensation rate for the ministry performance of each contractor is determined by the following criteria:

- The type of ministry performed
- Previous ministry and work experience
- The geographical location of the ministry
- Related education or other experience

A Compensation Worksheet for determining compensation according to these criteria or a description of the proposed activities will be used by the advisory committee of the foundation to set the consultant's monthly compensation ceiling. The monthly ceiling includes all remuneration for one's approved ministry.

Because the contractors are independent contractors and not employees of the JOY TO THE WORLD FOUNDATION, they are responsible for reporting and paying any social security tax or income tax that may be due on the compensation.

How It Works For Ordained Ministers: After approval by the Foundation, the Associated Minister may establish a non-profit corporation. Funds in the project account can be paid directly to the Associated Minister until he or she has

received his/her full housing allowance as it is allocated monthly. Any funds above the Ministers Housing Allowance up to the allocated salary amount are paid as 1099 income to the minister as part of Workforce International or the funds can be paid to a non-profit corporation for benefits, additional salary up to the approved amount and other ministry expenses. The non-profit corporation can also have a medical reimbursement program that can reimburse the Associated Minister for any medical expenses he or she incurs and can pay for automobile expenses that are incurred in ministry activities. Contributions from the foundation project can also be made to a tax sheltered annuity program for the Associated Minister if one is established.

If you are interested in finding out more about this program, please contact our sponsoring organization JOY TO THE WORLD FOUNDATION. You can reach their offices toll-free at 844-670-2875 to see how a plan might be customized to meet your needs.

The JOY TO THE WORLD FOUNDATION has exclusive legal control over all assets contributed to the Foundation.