

# Global Mission Sunday FAQ

## WHEN? *Global Mission Sunday-October 2, 2016*

**WHY?** Projects and programs of the Synod's Global Mission Committee are not funded by the Florida Bahamas Synod budget. The Global Mission Committee seeking to fund 3 different projects for 3 different Companion Churches. Sunday, October 2nd, has been set aside by Bishop Schaefer to bring attention to Global Mission, our Companion Churches, and our partnership work together.

## WHERE? Will the money raised go?

- This year's donations will go to the 3 Projects in the "Global Mission Race". Donors are asked to identify which project they want to sponsor. The first project to reach the goal of \$5000 will also receive the *First Prize of an additional \$500*. The 3 projects are:
  - CUBA – "La Finca" (or farm) project.
  - HAITI – A vehicle maintenance fund.
  - SURINAM – Ordination gift and Parsonage Renovation Fund.

## Can my church collect money for the Global Missions Fund on another Sunday?

Yes! Of course. We realize that congregations may have other celebrations/observances planned – so do what works out best for your congregation.

## When are the collections for Global Missions Sunday due?

We ask that all donations be sent in to the Synod office by November 15, 2016.

## Where do we send the collections?

Florida Bahamas Synod Office – 3838 W. Cypress Street, Tampa, FL 33607 Attn: Kim Raymond

## How do we designate the Global Mission Sunday?

Note it on the check MEMO line: FB Synod Global Mission. If you want to sponsor a specific project – please indicate that as well. *Undesignated donations will be split evenly between the 3 projects.*

## Are there promotional and/or liturgical materials available to help us plan for Global Mission Sunday?

Check out the ELCA Synod website – Global Mission – for ideas and suggestions on how to make this a special observance in your congregation. <http://www.elca.org/Resources/Global-Mission>

## Can I designate THRIVENT Choice Dollars to Global Mission?

Yes, you can!! *This is a 2 step process however.* First, go online and designate your THRIVENT Choice Dollars to the Florida Bahamas Synod. Second, send an email to [micheleh@fbsynod.org](mailto:micheleh@fbsynod.org) to tell her you want the funds to go to Global Mission – and what project you want to sponsor. Thank you for living generously!!

## How else can I get involved with Global Mission?

Watch the Synod website for more information about Global Mission activities and servant mission trips. Contact the sub-committee chairperson for a companion church if you want to be in on the grass-roots planning. Be open to where the Holy Spirit is guiding you!! Keep us all in your prayers! **THANK YOU!**