

Mission Giving and Missional Living Value Sheet

At College Avenue Presbyterian Church, Oakland we use the following criteria and values when we select ministries to support.

We believe these criteria and values help us be more Missional* in our work in the community and the world. It is our goal to invest in ministries that not only impact needs in our neighborhood and world but also challenge and change us (the members of CAPC) in the process.

As we approach our mission budget and special giving opportunities we ask the following questions giving each question a value of 1-5 (5 being highest). This “score sheet” is intended to help us make decisions without being overwhelmed by emotions or the loudest voice in the room.

Value	Range	Score
How does the ministry fit the values of the PCUSA?	(1=no, 5=yes)	
If we don't support them, who will?	(1=lots of people, 5=no one)	
Are ministry decisions made at a level closest to the people doing the work?	(1=no, 5=yes)	
What percentage of the goes to “overhead”?	(1=too much, 5=little/none)	
Are there opportunities to foster personal relationships with the mission, and or, the people doing the work?	(1=no, 5=yes)	
Does this ministry feel like a congregational call to support or more an individual call?	(1=individual, 5=congregational)	
Did this ministry grow out of a ministry of CAPC or was/is it part of a collaboration with CAPC?	(1=no, 5=yes)	
Total Value Alignment Score	Between 7 - 35	

Notes:

We use the word “Mission” to include the work of Churches, para-church organizations and even government or businesses that are doing work that is in-line with our goals and values.

We encourage members and friends of CAPC to give above and beyond what they give to mission work at CAPC. The above criteria and values are only used to clarify what we give as a corporate body.

* What's the difference between Mission and Missional?

A simple way to understand the difference is; “mission” is something you give too and “Missional” is something you live-in.” “Missional” is associated with the Latin “Missio Dei - the sending of God.” Just as God sent Jesus to be incarnate in the world so Jesus now sends his disciples to be incarnate in the world as well. So we are all called to incarnate/missional living.