**GUIDELINES FOR MISSIONS GIVING CREDIT**

**Assemblies of God Total Giving (AGTG) promotes financial support for**

**Assemblies of God ministries, missionaries and projects.**

♦ For any local Assemblies of God ministry or project to qualify for *District Ministries* credit, it **must have prior approval** by the district office as an Assemblies of God ministry or project beyond the usual scope of the local church. The district has the right to exercise administrative control and financial accountability as to how funds being reported are raised and spent even if done outside the district office. *It is recommended that districts maintain a list of approved projects for reference in issuing credit each quarter.*

**♦** The General Council may grant Assemblies of God Total Giving credit to churches that make their facilities available for other ethnic Assemblies of God congregations **at no cost.** Considering that the cost of providing facilities increases with the size of the church, the following AGTG credit may be given according to the following scale.

 The ethnic congregation does not have to be an official Assemblies of God church. It can not be part of the church receiving AG Total Giving credit.

 **SEATING AGTG CREDIT PER SERVICE**

 200 or less $150

 201-500 $350

 501-1,000 $700

 1,001 and over $1,000

 The seating is determined by the area the ethnic church uses, not the total number of seats available in the church. For example, if the ethnic church meets in a chapel that seats 200, and the church sanctuary seats 1,000, the credit would be based on the 200 seats where the ethnic church meets.

 The maximum number of services for which AG Total Giving credit can be given will be 3 per week or 156 per year.

 Additionally, churches which make their facilities available at no cost to ethnic or language fellowships for the hosting of national or regional ethnic/language fellowship events may receive up to $1,500 AGTG credit for each event.

 *Churches providing the facilities usage are responsible for notifying their districts of the number of services and the congregation for which they were provided, as well as reporting any ethnic/language fellowship events held at their facilities. The districts then report the facilities usage on their quarterly reports which are sent to the GC Contributor Services Department.*

This is the **only** AG Total Giving/District Ministries credit available for building usage.

**♦ AGTG Credit for Scholarship Funds Designated to a Specific Student**—Churches may receive AGTG credit for scholarship funds from an official AG church to one of our endorsed colleges/universities and designate the funds for a specific student. Colleges report the credit directly to the national office.

**♦ AGTG Credit for Support of Satellite Churches**—Parent Affiliated Churches (PAC) must have the **approval of the district**. Mother churches can receive AGTG credit for satellite (parent affiliated) startup costs, up to six months of operational costs, including property (facilities and equipment), promotion and personnel (pastoral selection and moving expenses).

♦ District Ministries credit shall **not** be given for:

 Non-Assemblies of God ministries

 Personal ministries of Assemblies of God credentialed ministers **not accountable** to the district

 Donated time and labor

Registration fees for district-sponsored events and camps

 Local church operational expenses including lodging, travel and food expenses for staff enrichment conferences, General Council Convention, and Fine Arts Festivals

Local church outreach ministries such as bus ministry, radio/TV ministry, Discipleship ministries (formerly extension Sunday schools), Christian schools, missionary or evangelist housing, and church construction/remodeling costs

 Community outreach efforts (i.e. after school ministries, food pantries, pregnancy care centers, family violence centers, rescue missions, and disaster relief) **unless** they are district sponsored

♦ Do **not** submit amounts on the District Quarterly Report for the following items in order to avoid duplicate credit being given.

 Teen Challenge centers, General Council endorsed schools, colleges and universities, nationally appointed missionaries, and EMERGE Ministries. These offerings are reported separately.

 Cash spent by AG Women’s groups for District Ministries. That is reported separately by the District Women’s directors.

 Funds received by the district and forwarded to the AG national office for receipting and AGTG credit.

 Funding at the local church level for national or international General Council-sponsored projects. These must be reported to the sponsoring ministry at the General Council to be eligible for church AGTG credit (i.e. AIM trips, MAPS trips, BGMC projects, and missions conventions).