



# Funding System

## IMPORTANT NOTE:

TJM Official Guide 3 Funding System Update 2202 REPLACES the previous TJM Official Guide 4 - Funding System

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## Fundamental Principles

### God is Our PROVIDER

All funds we receive for this Mission at all levels - local, country, international, global - come by the LORD's provision. It is for each and all of us at all levels to Seek HIS Provision for all our needs. This is an Exercise of Worship & Faith in Him and His Provision. He is fully able to give us all the funds we need to do what HE wants us to do.

Whatever we receive from Him we use it for the purpose for which He gives it. We also share what we receive from Him with one another to meet each other's needs and support each other's work in His service.

We accept and work by the principle that the Missionary, Hudson Taylor, had stated well:

***God's Work Done in God's Way Will Have God's Supply***

In practice, this principle also means that IF HE does NOT supply the fund, it is NOT something we should do!

### Mustard Seed Principle of Growth

A key guiding biblical principle that the Lord taught me that He wants me to share with you for your participation with The Joshua Mission and for your own church & ministry is the MUSTARD SEED Principle - Matthew 13:31-32

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

In Practice, this means that we sow only what the Lord gives us to sow

- start in a SMALL AFFORDABLE Way
- let it GROW and MULTIPLY as HE blesses and enables

Our usual tendency is to Start BIG and Start Asking for MONEY because we Do NOT have the funds. This teaches us to Do the REVERSE.

1<sup>st</sup> - Do ONLY what the LORD wants us to Do - seek HIM in prayer for His guidance

2<sup>nd</sup> - Start Small at the Level & Cost you are able to manage well & can afford with what you have

3<sup>rd</sup> - TRUST HIM to make it Grow and Multiply! If it is HIS WILL this Will HAPPEN. If not, forget about it and do something else that is from Him.

This Mustard Seed Principle leads us to FOCUS on the LORD to seek His leading & supply. The Human & Worldly way Always PREOCCUPIES us with Money and Cost and How to Get More!

### Financial Stewardship & Multiplication

The Way this Mission operates financially is based on the Mustard Seed Principle of sowing what comes from the LORD and trusting Him to grow & multiply it.

At Every Level - Local, Zone, Country, International - we are Responsible to cover the cost of what HE wants us to do. If we plan something that we cannot afford, we can conclude that it is NOT from HIM and discard it. If it is something HE WANTS, when we do it HE WILL SUPPLY.

So, at Each Level - whatever we plan or sow Must be something HE wants us to do

At the Local Level - the Local Group Leaders are responsible for the cost and execution

At the Zone Level - the Zone Leaders are responsible for the cost and execution

At the Country Level - the Country or National leaders are responsible for the cost and the execution

At the International Level - I am responsible for the cost and the execution.

We can seek to cover the cost of our ministry and events in the following ways:

Consider How Each Participant may contribute to the cost at an affordable level - e.g. we can charge an affordable reasonable fee for participants who join our events. This can be a test of their seriousness and interest in wanting to join. It will help cover the cost of any event we organise.

See if there are Christian Sponsors - local or overseas - who are willing to cover the cost; these do NOT have to be members, just Christian parties - persons, churches, or organisations, that are willing to give us funds to do what the Lord wants us to do.

See if there are Christian parties - persons, churches, or organisations - who are willing to be Fund-Raisers for us.

We can organise fund-raising events - BUT ONLY IF this does NOT take away from our Focus on the prophetic ministry of the Word; if it does, then Do NOT do it. It will be a Distraction that leads to preoccupation with money instead of the ministry of the Word.

### **General Guideline**

We each cover our Own Cost to be responsible for the events & groups under our charge and Contribute what we can to each others' cost

This is how we can share in covering the cost of ministry

### **NOT a Funding or Fund-Raising Mission**

This MISSION is **NOT** a funding or fund-raising Mission. It is a ministry that serves in the prophetic ministry of God's Word for leadership, discipleship & church growth & development. Do NOT join it to find funds. Join it to receive and minister His Word to be ready for Christ's Return.

### **Funding from the INTERNATIONAL Office**

These are the cost that the International Office covers - subject only to the Lord's supply -

#### **Teaching initiated and conducted by the International President**

- the Academy "Live" Seminars - to develop, present, record, & upload to Mission website for all to use
- courses from the **School of Bible Study** and the **School of Biblical Discipleship** develop and teach, and put as resource on the Mission website for all to use -
  - those I regularly teach in Singapore which all can join by ZOOM anywhere in the world
  - those I teach in a particular country from time to time as the Spirit leads; for these I cover my own travel, food & lodging & give a sum to help cover the cost of the event (amounts above these would be for the host country to cover)

#### **Teaching Resources provided by the International President**

- MP3, text, video, of my seminars and courses put on the Mission website for all to use
- the cost of paying for all the services that enable this to be done

#### **Annual Support for Each Country**

- **Annual Country Fund for each country** - year by year, as the Lord supplies me as International President, I will distribute to each country in the network an amount to help the leadership of each country to run and promote the ministry within the country
  - this Fund is sent to Country Leaders for the COUNTRY to use for its ministry & network
  - it is NOT for personal use; no one receives funds from the Mission because of membership
- This is NOT a Substitute for the fund that each Country Needs to raise for its own plans, groups, and activities - see **COUNTRY Stewardship** - next topic
- This is NOT a fixed sum as the income I receive for the Mission varies from year to year
- There is NO fixed timing as I cannot forecast when & how much may be received in the year
- BUT WHATEVER Amount I have each year Will DEFINITELY be distributed to each Country based on the **Size of Membership** in the country At The Time When the Fund is to be distributed based on each country's proper and accurate **Half Yearly Report**

#### **How to Use the Funds from the International Office**

This is a very rough guide to help you to make the Best Use of what funds I send to you as Country Leaders to help your country ministry and network:

##### **Small Amounts**

If you are the Group or Ministry Member who is just starting to form a network in your country, the amount you receive will be small.

#### *Recommended Use*

- use a portion of it to pay for at least 2 courses per year to buy from the Mission Store <https://thejoshuamission.sellfy.store> - use this for your own study with leaders that you want to train up to teach these same courses to others either through their **Local Groups** - see **Official Guide 1 Global Networking Update 2203** - or through **Study Groups** that they form - see **Official Guide 2 Teaching & Training Strategy Update 2203**
- to cover part or whole of your mobile line rental
- to cover part or whole of any travel you may make within your country to develop the network

#### **Larger Amounts**

If you have already developed a network with growing numbers of Group & Ministry Members and Local Groups the amount you receive will be increasingly larger.

As a rough guide - remember there is no fixed amount and no fixed time for how much I receive each year to give to each country with network -

- you will get SGD 500 and above when you have 500 or more members
- you will get SGD 1,000 and above when you have 1,000 members or more

#### *Recommended Use*

On Top of using the amount as for the “Small Amount” above you can **PRIORITISE** using what you receive for

- honorarium to speakers
- cost of some simple refreshments and food for bigger events
- cost of equipment rental for broadcasting the Academy “Live” Seminars to a larger group
- cost of place rental to hold meetings

But Note that you Need NOT incur these cost IF our members have the equipment or place for us to use for free

If so, you can use the Same Fund to cover other costs, such as helping those who need funds to attend teaching events, translation cost, or cost of local or zone leaders who need some financial help for their work for the Mission

### **COUNTRY Stewardship**

Based on the **Principle of Personal & Collective Stewardship** explained in the next section, the following is what each level of country leadership and membership should do in covering the cost of operating the ministry and groups of this Mission:

#### **Country Leaders**

**Cover the Cost** of developing your own resources to teach classes, courses, & seminars, in your country through Local Groups, Study Groups, and Teaching Events;

especially the **Training of leaders** - existing or newly raised up - to teach and lead their Local Groups, Zones, & Study Groups & Teaching Events they will in turn conduct for their members and all who would learn from them

- see **Official Guide 1 Global Networking Update 2203** for Local Groups

- see **Official Guide 2 Teaching & Training Strategy Update 2203** for Study Groups and Teaching Events

#### **Zone Leaders**

Do the same for your Zone as for the Country Leaders

#### **Local Group Leaders**

Do the same for your Local Group as for the Zone and Country Leaders

#### **All Members - Group, Ministry, & Prayer Membership**

Every Group Member and Ministry Member can teach what they learn from the Mission to their own churches and organisations and through them to others and cover this cost themselves

## The Principle of Personal & Collective Stewardship

The IMPACT of Each Group & Each Level Covering its Own Cost

The **Key Guideline** of how we use funds is to make the event or the study material or course AFFORDABLE to those who WANT to participate.

It is **NOT** to raise more and more funds for more and more people to participate for **FREE**

### We ONLY give Free IF

The person is Truly Serious in Wanting to Receive the Word & Genuinely Cannot Afford to Pay (**NOT** Do Not Want to Pay). If he cannot pay ALL, can he pay Some? 50%, 20%, 10%?

**OR** if the LORD has called you to give it free, in which case, HE will supply;

**OR** if the organiser volunteers to take up the cost to enable those who are **Already Committed to serve** to do so without adding to their cost; if HE approves, HE will supply.

### WHY ask participants to pay?

- People can throwaway or set aside things given free if they are not interested; BUT they will take it if it is free - At YOUR cost; e.g. if people can attend all Joshua Mission events for free, get free gifts, they can make it a holiday, take a break, take advantage; does the person WANT to receive God's Word to grow and to serve? Who knows?

- If they have to Buy it or Pay to come, even at an affordable price, even at a small percentage of the price, because they cannot afford more, they will consider if it is Worthwhile to do so.

If the person has something more interesting, more important to him or her, the person will NOT pay to buy or come. But if you give him free, he will take it! It costs him nothing. Even if it is nothing to him, he doesn't lose anything!

Hence this is a Good Way of Testing the Interest & Seriousness of whether the person WANTS to receive God's Word.

- This is NOT to make money or to make us rich. But it is a Very Relevant Way of raising funds to Cover Cost for Mission events that you want to organize

This shows that it Does NOT Serve our Purpose in ministering God's Word to make everything free for everyone. It is Better if we deliberately charge an affordable amount for all who come to test how serious they are to want to receive God's Word. It also reduces the cost, or increases what funds we may have, to do More Ministry!

### The Great Impact of this **VERY IMPORTANT** Practice:

If you organize A Study Group or an Event and it costs you \$50, then every Study Group or Event you organize will cost you \$50 x the number of groups or events:

So if you have 5 groups or events - it will cost you \$250, if you have 10, it will be \$500, 100, \$5,000, 500, \$250,000, etc.; so where are you going to get the money?

But if Each group or Each event organiser covers each's Own Cost - Each group or Each organiser just needs to cover only \$50

- If you have a 100 groups, a 1,000 groups, 10,000 groups; each group will Still Only cover \$50;
- so you can have 1,000,000 groups or events, or more, as long as EACH cover their own cost of \$50

But if you want to cover the Cost so that every group and event is FREE for each and all - you will have find \$50 x 100 or x 1,000, or x 10,000 ... dollars to do the same; where are you going to find the money?

**NOW** which system is Better Able to Do Ministry?

Which system is More Manageable for the organiser?

Let us NOT load ourselves with totally unnecessary cost & become fund-raisers instead of ministers of the Word. Organise & hold groups & events that are affordable to the participants & affordable to what we have in funding; what the LORD DOES supply.

I **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that you use these Principles for your own church, organisation, & ministry and teach your people to do likewise!

**A CHALLENGE for our Financial Stewardship to Christ**

How much does it cost for a person to receive Christ as Lord and be saved?	Nothing
How much does it cost for a person to be healed by the Lord?	Nothing
How much does it cost for a person to be transformed by Spirit?	Nothing
How much does it cost to apply God's Word to our lives?	Nothing

**SO WHY DO WHAT WE DO COST SO MUCH?**