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To all who have an interest in the Joint Eastern European Project (JEEP):

The Joint Eastern European Project (JEEP) is a cooperative effort by three CREC churches of Anselm Presbytery. It performs a service for churches interested in supporting the growth of the CREC in central and eastern Europe. It is governed by an Executive Committee consisting of two men from each of the coordinating churches: Christ Covenant Church (Langley, B.C.), Reformation Covenant Church (Oregon City, Oregon) and Covenant Bible Church (Chugiak, Alaska).

The purpose of JEEP is to vet churches and projects in Europe so that contributing churches can give with complete confidence that donations will be used in ways that are consistent with CREC goals. JEEP serves as a conduit for both information and funding. CCC is the primary point for conveyance of information regarding JEEP missions and projects to supporting churches and potential supporting churches. CBC is the primary point for conveyance of donated funds to approved ministries and projects.

Any and all CREC-affiliated churches within the target area of central and eastern Europe are welcome to participate in JEEP, but there is no requirement that they do so. It is entirely voluntary on their part. However, to assure that JEEP can do a credible job of representing those churches who choose to cooperate with JEEP, some rules for participation have been put into place. These are intended to enable supporting churches to rely on the word of the JEEP executive committee that donated funds are going to worthy purposes and that they will be used as intended. The rules are as follows:

1. Churches and mission stations receiving JEEP funds must be affiliated with the CREC and must intend to remain in such affiliation.
2. Churches participating in JEEP must annually make a full financial disclosure. This must include any and all income sources for the church (or mission) and for any paid pastors or elders.
3. Churches and their pastors or paid elders must agree to funnel all fund-raising efforts through the JEEP Executive Committee. Independent fund raising outside the JEEP process is not allowed without the permission of the Executive Committee.
4. All projects conducted by participating churches (or missions) for which funding through JEEP is sought, must be submitted for evaluation through an established grant approval form. The project is subject to approval by the Executive Committee and, if approved, is placed into the JEEP priority structure for fundraising purposes. The priority list is updated at least annually, and more often as the need arises.

The JEEP Executive Committee believes adherence to these rules is necessary for JEEP to be relied upon by contributing churches as a surrogate for vetting recipients of their donations.

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