

# **JAMAICA MISSIONS USA**

## **Designated Funds Policy**

This policy sets forth the conditions under which Jamaica Missions USA (hereafter called “the Organization”) may accept designated gifts. Subject to this policy, the Organization may accept donations from those that wish to donate/support the work of this Organization.

Jamaica Missions USA desires to be careful to assure it is not involved in creating a tax-deductible contribution for some purpose that would not otherwise qualify for a tax deduction. For instance, Jamaica Missions USA wants to make sure that a donation to benevolence, missions, or ministries is for the purpose of furthering the work of the Organization (and not a non-deductible gift to an individual through the organization.) For this reason, Jamaica Missions USA has set forth guidelines under which the Organization, as a tax-exempt organization, can accept designated gifts.

1. The designation must be for an approved project, program or ministry of Jamaica Missions USA.
2. Jamaica Missions USA must maintain discretion and control over all contributions and the ultimate determination of how all donated funds are allocated. Jamaica Missions USA will make every effort to honor a donor’s designation, however contributions become the property of the Organization and as such the Organization has the discretion to determine how best to use all contributions to carry out our mission and purpose.
3. Designated gifts cannot be given to forward to specific organizations unless the management of Jamaica Missions USA determines that this organization is a strategic partner and helping to execute the programs of the Organization.
4. Gifts designated for individuals or designated for the benefit of a specific individual are not tax-deductible contributions and the Organization will not accept such gifts.
5. Jamaica Missions USA cannot accept gifts with verbal designations. Designations must be in writing, in an accompanying memorandum, or note or else indicated on the check.
6. Jamaica Missions USA must by law, reserve the right to disregard designations despite the directive by the individual donor.
7. All funds raised by an individual to participate on a Jamaica Missions USA Project Team or Program are donations to the Organization and once approved expenses related to that Project or Program are determined, the balance of those funds go to the General Ministry Fund.