



SEEDS

Sending Economic Encouragement to the Distressed

SEEDS San Diego Member Packet

2017

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Statement of Intent (who we are):

SEEDS San Diego (*Sending Economic Encouragement to the Distressed*) is a giving circle of Christian women, agreeing upon a statement of faith, financially capable of giving \$500/\$1000 a year for 3 years, with unlimited yearly renewals.

Vision Statement (what we will see):

Women engaged in giving, exposed to and involved in what God is doing around the world.

Mission Statement (why we exist):

To provide the means by which caring women are encouraged to give to those in need in the name of Jesus Christ.

Purpose Statement (how we do what we do):

By pooling our finances as a giving circle, we are able to more deeply impact evangelical Christian nonprofits that minister to those in physical, emotional, and spiritual need in San Diego County and abroad.

- Our giving circle eliminates frequent meetings and fund-raisers, etc. Via a simple yearly donation of either \$1000 or \$500, we pool our resources and give all our money away to two evangelical Christian nonprofit ministries—one in and around San Diego County and one overseas—that serve those in need in the name of Christ.
- We have a fall meeting to kick off our next season of giving, and a spring meeting to meet our overseas representatives (and sometimes our local ones as well). We have site visits for our local ministries. Our 6-member board chooses the slate of ministries; all members vote anonymously for the winners. Voting is in the spring.
- All our donations are handled by the National Christian Foundation, which, as a donor-advised fund, invests our funds and sends out our checks according to our directive. As a result, we have no overhead charges and all donations (except for a 1% handling fee from NCF) go directly to the ministries we choose.
- SEEDS San Diego is a ministry of High/Ground, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit since 1987 (www.high-ground.org).
- Please go to our website www.SeedsSanDiego for more detailed information.

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Statement of Faith

We believe:

- the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit, and is the only infallible, authoritative, written word of God, in its original languages, in all matters of faith and conduct.
- there is one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

SEEDS San Diego is pro-life.

Member Requirements

Requirements and Responsibilities for the Members of SEEDS:

- Willing and able to commit to giving \$1000 or \$500 yearly, for a three-year term with encouragement to continue year by year
- Agreement with Member Pledge by signature
- Reading of Statement of Faith
- Participating by voting every year and by attending site visits as able
- Attendance, if possible, at our 2 meetings, one in the fall, one in the early spring

Members may be asked to resign for

- a. Non-payment of pledges
- b. Unduly influencing other members toward a specific vote

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How Do I Become a Member?

Step One:

- Go to our website, www.SeedsSanDiego.org, to check out our ministry a little more completely. Particularly, read our FAQ section.

Step Two:

- Fill out and sign the Member Pledge/Contact page either in this packet or online, including checking the box for Membership or Associate Membership.
- Email the Pledge page (if not filled out online) to Seeds@SeedsSanDiego.org or send it to:

SEEDS San Diego
P.O. Box 28124
San Diego, CA 92128

Step Three:

- **Either**, write your check to “The National Christian Foundation” (not SEEDS), with “SEEDS San Diego Fund, **618922**,” on the Memo line, and send to:

The National Christian Foundation
650 Town Center Dr. Ste. 810
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

- **Or go online** to give at www.SeedsSanDiego.org. Go to the “How Do I Become a Member?” page and **click on the white “Donate Now!” button** to give either by credit card (the *only* way for credit card giving to SEEDS) or, **better yet, pay by eCheck**. (There are processing fees for credit card donations. That amount is taken out of your gift. Paper checks and eChecks entail no processing fee.)

Your membership will be finalized when:

- your signed Member Pledge (including contact information) is received by SEEDS,
- your donation is received by the National Christian Foundation (at which point you will receive a tax deductible receipt from NCF on behalf of SEEDS)

Please Contact Us with Any Questions at:

Email: Seeds@SeedsSanDiego.org; mkjenson49@me.com

Phone: Mary – 858.774.0576 or Cynthia – 760.212.0963

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Member Pledge

I support the stated purpose of SEEDS San Diego to be a Christ-centered giving circle that will direct financial gifts to selected evangelical Christian nonprofit ministries that serve those in need. I have read SEEDS' Statement of Faith.

As a Member, I pledge \$1000 yearly for three years; as an Associate Member, I pledge \$500 yearly for three years. After meeting that commitment, I may continue on a yearly basis. I understand my pledged donation will be paid to the National Christian Foundation by March 15.

I understand that, as with all donor advised funds, all SEEDS contributions are the property of NCF and are nonrefundable, and that NCF will disburse our gifts as recommended by SEEDS.

I recognize that in addition to my financial pledge, I can also participate in SEEDS by committing to prayer, by volunteering my services, by recommending nonprofits to receive gifts, and by going on site visits.

I agree that the SEEDS Leadership Committee will make the final decision of where to direct our gifts, based upon partnership votes, the careful review of applicant qualifications, site visits when possible, and by the further vetting on our behalf by NCF.

I agree that the direction and management of SEEDS and entire control of its affairs shall be vested in the SEEDS Leadership Committee, as a ministry of High/Ground.

Signature _____ Date _____
Member

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Contact Information - Please Print:

First Name Last Name

Email Address Member Assoc. Member

Address Street City, State, Zip

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Home Phone Cell Phone