

Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church

Adoption Assistance Fund Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide background on the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund and to set forth the guidelines under which the OMPC Adoption Fund operates.

Background

We believe that God is doing something very special as He *forms* families and *transforms* lives through the miracle of adoption. As a community who has been touched by this miracle, we want to play an active role helping others who desire to adopt. However, the reality is that for many the financial challenges associated with adoption represent one of the greatest obstacles that they must navigate while traveling the adoption journey.

In response to this, we have established the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund. Our goal for the fund is to help as many children and families experience the blessing of adoption as our resources will allow.

How Does OMPC Raise Money for the Adoption Assistance Fund?

The OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund is funded solely from contributions from individuals. It does not currently receive any funds from the OMPC budget.

The OMPC Orphan Ministry can perform nominal-visibility fundraising activities (e.g., annual garage sale) for the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund, which must be approved by the Church Business Administrator and Childrens Pastor.

OMPC Partners with LifeSong for Orphans

OMPC partners with [LifeSong for Orphans](#), a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt orphan care and adoption ministry that helps churches across the country establish and administer adoption assistance funds, to administer the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund. LifeSong for Orphans charges no administration fee for the services they provide.

Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church and LifeSong for Orphans have established operating guidelines to administer and manage the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund. A current copy of the operating agreement is maintained by the Church Business Administrator and Childrens Pastor.

In this partnership, the OMPC Orphan Ministry, under the direction of the Childrens Pastor is responsible for establishing the vision and direction for the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund, making prospective families aware of the fund, as well as making known the opportunity for people to contribute financially to the fund. One member of the Orphan Ministry Team will serve as the primary contact for fund applicants, church leadership, and LifeSong.

LifeSong exclusively handles the application process (and all confidential information involved in the application process) and provides all of the administrative and operational support needed to evaluate applicants, make decisions regarding grants and loans and handle all contributions and disbursements involving the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund. LifeSong will supply quarterly reports (or more frequently as needed) on the activity of the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund.

How the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund Works

The OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund provides matching grants and/or interest-free covenant loans to applicants who meet the established parameters described below. LifeSong makes all decisions regarding whether qualified applicants are given funds for matching grants and/or interest-free covenant loans based on various factors, including the amount of money in the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund at the time of application, the applicant's financial situation and adoption-related needs, and the way in which to best maximize the resources of the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund. Following approval, LifeSong makes all disbursements of matching grants and/or interest-free covenant loans directly to the applicant's adoption agency. You can find more information about the LifeSong matching grant and interest-free covenant loan programs at <http://www.lifesongfororphans.org/adGrantLoans.html>.

In connection with the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund, LifeSong handles all aspects of the application process, including evaluation and verification of all financial and other confidential information. No one from Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church has access to any of your confidential information, and all decisions regarding the award of any matching grant and/or interest-free covenant loan are made solely by LifeSong.

The requirements to be eligible for a matching grant or interest-free covenant loan are:

- + Applicants must be an OMPC church member in good standing
- + Applicants need to provide a statement of their personal faith in Jesus Christ
- + Applicants need a letter of recommendation from a member of the OMPC pastoral staff
- + Applicants must establish their need for financial assistance in connection with an adoption by fully completing the LifeSong application process
- + Applicants need to have an approved home study conducted by a licensed social worker

You can view and print the [OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund application here](#).

You Can Help Families Meet the Financial Challenge of Adoption

The OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund is a great way to provide much needed financial support for Christian families seeking to adopt. All contributions to the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund are made through LifeSong and are fully tax deductible, with 100% of all contributions being used to provide matching grants and interest-free covenant loans to qualified families.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to the OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund by sending your check to:

[LifeSong for Orphans](#)

c/o OMPC Adoption Assistance Fund

P.O. Box 40

Gridley, IL 61744

If you prefer to make your contribution online, go to www.lifesongfororphans.org/donation.html (and click "make a donation" button at the bottom of the page). Please be sure to indicate the "OMPC

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Adoption Assistance Fund” in the description field so that your contribution is properly directed.