

MICROLENDING TASK TEAM

A DRAFT PROPOSAL

Mission Statement: to connect people, through lending, for the sake of alleviating poverty. Through Kiva.org the UUCS Microlending Team will lend to entrepreneurs across the globe as well as our local community. Our partnership through Kiva will be focused on mutual dignity and respect as we create relationships beyond financial transactions, and build a global community expressing support and encouragement of one another.

Contacts: Chair/ secretary: Sandi Gaulke

Finance Officers: Luanne Gearhart and Beth Howard

Team Associates: Ken Lockrem, Lynda Gentry, Kathleen Petersen

STRUCTURE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

An account will be established (with Andrea's help) and money from the Suzanne Meyer Compassionate Assistance Fund (\$1204.67) will be moved to it along with any other monies that the Board approves. *\$750.00 was used to purchase copies of the Dear Suzanne book, so as we sell them, we will repay that amount first.*

Once the account is established and approved, the Microlending Task Team will meet to select entrepreneurs and then make our donations. We will set up a way (with Andrea's help) that money from donations or fund raisers can be added to the account.

When loans are repaid, we have the option of withdrawing all or part of the money or reinvest it.

We plan to invite Suzanne's former congregations to join the effort. We also have ideas for some fund raising projects both within our congregation and Suzanne's former ones. (Sale of peace and justice pins and stickers and profits from sale of the *Dear Suzanne* memory books.)

Accountability will be provided through reports from the Finance Officers, bank statements, and reports from Kiva.

See next pages

Info from howstuffworks.com:

We'll look at Kiva.com as a model for the non-profit microlending Web site. Kiva allows loan applicants from countries like Nicaragua, Lebanon, Tajikistan and Mali to submit profiles of themselves and their businesses. Applicants post the amount needed for their loans in U.S. dollars and include what the money will be spent on -- things like agricultural supplies or purchasing wholesale

items for resale. Users on Kiva may contribute as little as \$25 to an applicant's requested loan amount. Users contribute until the loan is 100 percent funded.

At this point, the loan will either be issued to the loan applicant or a lending group associated with the site will be reimbursed for the loan it's already issued to the applicant. Microlending Web sites typically use third-party lenders (often local community banks) to actually issue the money to the recipient.

Legal info: <http://www.kiva.org/legal/terms>

How does Kiva fund its operations? (from their website)

Self-sustainability is critical to us. To this end, we support ourselves principally on the **optional** donations our lenders voluntarily pay to the organization in addition to the loans they make.

We also raise funds through grants, interest earned on our bank accounts, corporate sponsors and foundations. We are incredibly thankful for this support that has helped us keep up with a fast pace of growth.

Kiva does not take a cut of any of the loans you make, and Kiva does not charge interest to our Field Partners, who administer the loans.

Hello Sandi,

Thanks so much for your email.

In order to keep our operational expenses low, Kiva only accepts checks for amounts of \$1,000 or more and also asks for a donation of 5-10% to help cover administrative costs. All checks valuing less than \$1,000 will be destroyed to protect your financial information. If your church is planning to lend a sum of money larger than \$1,000, then check is an option. If not, the only ways Kiva accepts payment through the use of a credit card or a PayPal account.

To pay by check:

Step 1: Register for a Kiva Account

Step 2: Write your check payable to "Kiva Microfunds"

Step 3: On the back of the check, write the email address that you use to log in to your Kiva Account, the total of your check that you would like to be credited to your Kiva Account and the total of your check that is a donation to Kiva

Step 4: Mail the check to:

Kiva
Attn: Stefanie Madrid
3180 18th Street, Suite 202
San Francisco, CA 94110

When your check payment has been processed, we will credit your account and notify you by email. You can then make a loan through the website using the credit available in your account as payment.

Regardless of which option you choose, PayPal will process your payment and send you a receipt.

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