



UEM Guidelines for Publication Support

1. The purpose of the support

- a. To support the UEM members in addressing significant and crucial issues for the missionary life and work of the church and its congregations, and in supporting the theological development as a response to and/or in anticipation of critical and strategic issues in the society.
- b. To support theologians of the UEM members to enhance their competency through research and publication, and thereby serve the needs of the believers in witnessing to the gospel of love in word and action in their respective contexts of life. The books/publication are to be read by the whole church and not only by theologians, experts.
- c. To assist the UEM members in fulfilling the UEM Corporate Identity through publication related to its element and the UEM principles and values.
- d. To overcome financial hindrance faced by the theologians of the UEM members in preparing for and publishing their work.

2. The subjects or themes

The subjects or themes of the publication to be supported should be measured by and in line with the UEM Corporate identity.

3. The beneficiaries

- a. The UEM former scholarship holders whose work is worth publishing and fulfils the goal of the support as described above.
- b. The UEM member experts in educational institutions belonging or related to the churches.

Note:

- When selecting applicants, care is taken to ensure that a diverse selection is made, including different generations, genders, etc.
- At the discretion of the UEM, theological institutions that are independent of universities and have therefore limited capacities to support their faculty should be prioritised.
- Experts in other institutions whose publication supports the life and witness of the church can also be considered.
- Experts undertaking sabbatical leave supported to write a book needed by the church/congregations. The funding for such a sabbatical leave be treated separately by the UEM regional departments.

4. The cost expected, the contribution of the authors, and the income from the publication

- a. The amount of support to be granted by the UEM should not exceed Euro 4.000 for each publication taken from each annual budget of each regional/program departments.
- b. In the case that the book to be published belongs to the church related educational institution where the author works and the financial benefit of the publication will go to it, it shall be asked to contribute to the cost of the publication. A respective budget planning shall be attached to the application to the UEM.








c. In the case that the book to be published is not related to the church related institutions, but its publication will benefit the church in general, then the joint copy rights could be considered whenever possible, or the author be asked to show a stronger own financial contribution to the publication.

5. Procedure

An UEM Regional and Program Department related to the theme receives the requests from the author, with an endorsement by a respective church leadership.

The further requirements for the consideration of the request for an UEM support are:

-  As part of the application, the whole text by the author in its original language should be provided.
-  As part of the application, a summary of the content of the book by the author in English should be provided.
-  The recommendation of the leadership of the respective UEM member, stating the benefit of the book for the church life and work as well as the value for society at large or a specific target group.
-  A recommendation from a recognized expert in the field/theme of the book.
-  A recommendation from one or two valid representatives of the projected readers or beneficiaries of the book, stating in concrete terms the benefit for the readers. This recommendation should say why this particular book is important for the church, and what they expect it to achieve. The author should select the readers, providing the UEM with brief information on their background.

Written statement from the reputable publisher, stating that the book will be published and informing the cost of the publication to be shouldered by the author, as well as the terms of the copy rights of the author.

A written and signed commitment of the author or his/her institution to inform the UEM on the progress, outcome and impact of the published books.

A clear date should be provided for anticipated publication date.

Where support is given at least one chapter or short summary should be made available to be posted on the UEM website, social media and/or for download in the case of a free a publication.

Autobiographies should only be considered when it truly addresses a social need/gap.

In the event of research work/papers the topic should be mutually beneficial and the author should provide evidence of attempts at securing funding at other institutions.

A consideration of the publication of the bible in a local language should be made, especially where languages are being lost but there is a proven community who still uses the language. (Such projects may even exceed the max. budget of 4.000 EUR and have to be presented in a normal project application to the UEM.)