## Children's Adoption Aid



Financial aid for adoptive parents



A program of the Church of God
In Christ, Mennonite

- the Children's Adoption Aid (CAA) is a mutual aid plan operated by the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite to financially assist member couples who adopt children.
- To qualify for benefits from the plan, couples who are adopting a child must enroll in the plan and contribute \$1,500 to CAA.
- Because adoptive parents often find it easier to pay in installments, this \$1,500 contribution is set up to be payable over thirty months at \$50 per month, but can be paid in full or paid off early.
- The balance of the funding comes from donations received from (a) members who are not planning to adopt, but enroll in a supportive enrollment at a cost of \$50 per month for as long as they wish and (b) free will donations from individuals or congregations.
- There is a three-month waiting period after enrollment before becoming eligible for benefits. An adoption finalized during the waiting period will qualify for benefits at the end of the waiting period.
- ★ Benefits are available for one adoption per enrollment after finalization of the adoption and upon completion of a CAA Benefit Request Form.
- ↑ CAA shares up to \$15,000 per adoption. In the event the adoption costs less than \$15,000, the benefit is limited to the cost of the adoption. These benefits are paid at 100% with no further member responsibility deducted.

- Benefits are available even though the member contribution of \$1,500 has not yet been paid in full, provided their monthly payments are current, the three-month waiting period has been satisfied, and the adoption has been finalized.
- Members who have finished paying their \$1,500 contribution but who have not yet finalized their adoption continue to be eligible for benefits until they have finalized their adoption.
- † Only adoptions that are finalized after enrolling in the CAA are considered eligible for benefits.

Forms are available at www.theaidplans.us/caa.

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