



# The Presbyterian Church in Canada Experience Mission Group Application

## Education for Mission

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Thank you for your interest in organizing a group mission trip to visit the partners of The PCC. Please set aside some time to review and complete this group application form. Individual participants will be required to give further information once the trip is confirmed. We look forward to helping you coordinate this mission experience!

The Presbyterian Church in Canada, through the Mission Interpretation Program, aims to design short term mission experiences that build upon the mission work of our partners, both national and international. The trips have been designed to help participants

- Learn about mission work: what, where and how it is done effectively
- Build deeper connections with our mission partners
- Act locally, inspired by the mission experience
- Raise support – financial and spiritual – for *Presbyterians Sharing* and *Presbyterian World Service & Development*

In addition, we will work with people who are interested in going even deeper by helping them build longer-term mission relationships (5 years) with one partner/region by:

- Exchanging ideas and experiences
- Visiting one another
- Praying for one another
- Supporting special mission work over and above their normal contributions to *Presbyterians Sharing* and *Presbyterian World Service & Development*

**The following application form has been designed to help both the congregation and the national office discern the possibilities of your mission experiences and determine how your gifts might contribute to the above. They will help maximize the benefit of your mission experience and enhance the value to the partner. They will also let us get to know you better! Applications for individual participants will be completed when the trip is confirmed.**

**GROUP INFORMATION**

Please check what kind of group you are organizing:

Congregation \_\_\_ Presbytery \_\_\_ Synod \_\_\_ Camp \_\_\_ Youth group \_\_\_ AMS group \_\_\_  
 other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Group:

Congregation(s): (If more than one congregation is involved, list the congregations)

Anticipated size of the group: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated age range of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the group's interest in mission:

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Has the session of your church, the presbytery, or the Synod board or committee approved of the trip in principle? Please attach minutes or outline plan:

**Contact person/group leader:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**(Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet)**

- (a) Why does the group you want to participate in a PCC mission?
- (b) Outline any previous mission experiences of the group or members of the group.
- (c) Are there any specific goals or objectives the group would like to accomplish?
- (d) Does the group have any region or program that they already take an active interest in?
- (e) How will this contribute to your personal and/or professional development?
- (f) How do you hope this experience might enrich the life and mission of your congregation?
- (g) How do you plan to share your mission learnings when you return home?
- (h) Outline your plan to use this experience to raise awareness about *Presbyterians Sharing* and *Presbyterian World Service & Development*.
- (i) We are interested in establishing an ongoing relationship with the partner
  - \_\_\_\_\_ We would like to help the partner come visit us in Canada
  - \_\_\_\_\_ We would like to raise funds over and above regular contributions to *Presbyterians Sharing* and *PWS&D* for the partner
  - \_\_\_\_\_ We want to visit the partner

## **SKILLS AND ASSETS**

***Where possible we will work to use your skills and assets to contribute to the trip and build on your interests. However, because of the short time period, cultural and language differences, the expertise and experience of the partner, it is not always. Often the biggest gift you share with the partners is your encouragement and ongoing financial and prayerful support.***

- (j) Do you anticipate any member having special skills or experiences?
- (k) Have any members had previous experience in cross cultural situations? Travel? Language Training?
- (l) What strengths or skills would you hope to share with others during this experience?
- (m) What are your weaknesses and how do you deal with them?
- (n) Is there anything else that you think is important for us to know about the group?

## **FINANCES**

### **Costs:**

The total estimated cost of the trip includes flights, accommodation, travel cancellation policy, health insurance policy, local transportation, conference calls before the trip, hosting gratuities for the partner organizations to be visited, and travel VISAS when required. Medical visits and vaccinations needed for the trip are not covered in these fees. In the unusual event that the actual costs of the trip vary greatly from the estimate the difference will be absorbed by the mission interpretation program of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Surpluses will be shared with the partners. Funds for special projects must be raised over and above the estimated cost of the trip.

*Note:* The PCC will not receipt contributions for the expenses of undertaking a mission experience but will receipt contributions to project work.

There are many ways to raise funds. Education for Mission can give advice on fundraising and grants that may be available to you. Requests for grants should be based on need to ensure that everyone has an equal access to mission trip participation in the denomination.

- (a) Are you aware of these financial obligations? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) What is your plan to raise funds for your participation?

### **Deposit:**

A deposit will be expected once the trip has been confirmed and your groups' participants have all been identified.

## **FINAL STEP**

Please fill in as much of the information as possible and then send the application to:

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