



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Individual Application

Experience Mission
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Please set aside some time to review and complete this application form. Following receipt of the application you will be contacted for a brief interview. Suitability will be determined based on this application, references and the interview.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada, through the Mission Interpretation Program, aims to design short term mission experiences 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 you 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!

PERSONAL DATA

(a) Name (as it appears on your passport) _____

Current Street Address _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: Home () _____ Business () _____

Email: _____

(b) Permanent Address (if different) _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: Home () _____ Business () _____

(c) Birthdate _____ Birthplace _____ Citizenship _____ Sex _____

Physical Condition that could affect you on the trip _____

Medications _____

_____ Blood Type: _____

Any allergies to food, drugs, etc. _____

Vegetarian? YES NO Do you mind sharing a room? _____

Other special dietary needs?

Are you able to travel in a vehicle for long periods of time? YES NO

Please explain: _____

Any trouble walking on uneven surfaces? YES NO

If yes, please explain:

CHURCH INFORMATION

(d) Church name _____

Street Address _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Does your church support your application? If not, why?

TRIP INFORMATION

What trip are you applying for:

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

(Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet)

- (a) Why do you want to participate in a PCC mission?
- (b) What does your faith in God mean to you at this point in your life?
- (c) How will this contribute to your personal and/or professional development?
- (d) How do you hope this experience might enrich the life and mission of your congregation?
- (e) How else do you plan to share your mission learnings when you return home?
- (f) Outline how this trip will enhance your congregations' support of *Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development*.

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.

- (g) Outline your work, volunteer and educational experience:
- (h) Have you had previous experience in cross cultural situations? Travel? Language Training?
- (i) What strengths or skills would you hope to share with others during this experience?
- (j) What are your weaknesses and how do you deal with them?
- (k) Is there anything else that you think is important for us to know about you?

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 participants have been confirmed and you have been notified of your invitation to participate in this experience.

REFERENCES

Included with this volunteer application form is a **reference form**. The reference form is to be filled out by the people listed below. Please ask your references to send the form directly to The PCC.

- Your minister, elder, clerk of session
- Someone with whom you have worked with in your community

FINAL STEP

Please be sure to fill in all or as much of the information as possible in this application and then send the application to:

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 Attn: Education for Mission
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 Toronto ON, M3C 1J7

Or email to:

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The Presbyterian Church in Canada Reference Form

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Your name: _____

Date: _____

Position/relation to the applicant:

Name of Applicant: _____

Your phone number and email:

PLEASE RETURN TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE. Thank you for your time.

1. What trip is the applicant applying for? _____

2. Approximately how long have you known the applicant? _____

3. What would you consider to be some gifts and skills of this applicant?

5. Describe times when you have seen the applicant in a leadership role.

6. Is there anything that would negatively affect their participation of this trip?

7. How do you think this participants' community will support them before, during and after this trip?

8. Is there anything else that Education for Mission should be made aware of about the applicant?

