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SUMC - Mission Request Application:

General Information:

Mission Name: _____

Name of point person for this application: _____

Address (for Physical Mail): _____

Contact Primary phone number: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Website if there is one: _____

Is this an Individual Request or Group? _____

If it is a group please list everyone interested in overseeing this Mission.

Is there an Agency affiliated with this Mission: _____

If so:

Does the agency have a board of directors: _____

Please supply a list of board names: _____

Is your agency associated with UMVIM: _____

Has your agency been approved by the IRS as a tax-exempt non-profit, If so please provide the

Tax ID Number: _____

Will this Agency be funding any of the mission? _____ If so how much? \$ _____

Mark 13:10 Jesus said "and the Gospel must first be published among all Nations"

Nature and History of Your Work in Ministry/Missions:

Please give a brief description of your Faith history: _____

Please describe the nature of the International Mission you are applying for: _____

How did you become aware of this International Mission? _____

Are you a member of Shalimar United Methodist Church? _____

What other activities are you involved in at SUMC? _____

How many Mission trips have you been involved with: _____

Have you been UVMIM Team Leader Trained? If so Date of Training _____

Will you be leading this Mission Trip? _____

Is this a ONE Time request or on going (Reoccurring): _____

What is the amount you are requesting from SUMC? ___\$ _____

What is the estimated total cost of the trip? _\$ _____ Individual Cost?

\$ _____

Will you be conducting any fund raisers? _____

If so how much do you hope to raise? ___\$ _____

What is the time frame for the trip? _____

Will other organizations be involved in this Mission Trip, if so who are they? _____

Does your Mission preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, teach the Bible as God's Word? _____

Please Explain: _____

Does your Mission reach out to others as Christians and strive to make Disciples and bring Christian Maturity to the lives of others? _____

Is your Mission Group or Organization recognized as a Spiritual Group? _____ Explain _____

Matthew 24:14 – and this gospel of the Kingdom shall be presched in all the workd for a witness unto all nations

How our Process works:

Doctrine:

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God, without error in the original writing.

We believe in the deity and virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ that He died upon the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sin of the world that He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven from whence He will return with power and glory.

We believe in the doctrine of justification by faith, realizing it is impossible for man, through works, to please God or save himself.

We believe in life after death; that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, of the just and the unjust.

We believe in the resurrection of the saved into everlasting life in heaven and the resurrection of the lost or unsaved into eternal punishment.

I understand and am in agreement with the above doctrinal statements, and if at any time there is a change in my beliefs, I shall make it know to the Missions Committee of Shalimar United Methodist Church.

The Process:

1. This application is for the International Mission Committee to determine if it will support and funding for the request.
2. We accept applications throughout the year, it can be given to any member of the International Mission committee.
3. Our fiscal year starts in January, which is when we start funding for any missions new or ongoing.
4. Applications must be received before September 1st to be considered for the upcoming fiscal year.
5. We will contact you with the decision after the Committee has met within 1 week following the meeting after you application was received to tell you what the committee decided.
6. If you are accepted we will ask for a spicfic things from you: a bio, picture, commitment to communicate with us, etc.
7. Your Mission will be advertised on the Shalimar website and possibly the UMVIM website.

What we look for:

The committee has worked hard to discover what it is we truly care about when it comes to supporting missionaries. We turned these things into a little list. We want you to see the list because we value an open process. We hope you don't feel pushed around or disqualified by these things, we hope you get a sense of who we are and what we are passionate about. We look for each mission support with church funds to have a direct connection in helping to bringing Jesus Christ's love into lives where it may be lacking. The Mission should have a focused impact on all those encountered during the mission, and not be a Missionary focused experience.

Criteria for Organizations: (These are not questions for you to answer, just info for you to understand).

1. Emphasis of the mission: evangelicalism, discipleship, church-planting, strictly humanitarian, etc. ? What type of work will be missionary be doing?
2. Theological alignment with Shalimar UMC—is the agency theologically likeminded with Shalimar UMC?

3. Relationship with a mission— Does the mission work utilize and strengthen the local/native church? Are there healthy relationships among agency staff/volunteers, is the agency partnering with other agencies or churches?
4. Relationship with Shalimar UMC/accountability. Can the Individual/agency send a representative to visit us, update the Missions Committee via letters/email, solicit prayer requests, respond to the International Missions Committees requests, and share accomplishments/needs of their mission with the International Missions Committee
5. Individual/Agency’s relationship with Shalimar UMC—is the staff / board / volunteer base connected to our church in any way?
6. The Individual/Agency supported needs to be in regular communication with us. Quarterly updates (newsletters, emails, or personal correspondence) and timely replies to our occasional direct correspondence are expected, monthly updates are encouraged. Some examples of what we like to hear from the field: ministry reports, prayer requests, personal family information, photos, and short anecdotal stories.

Criteria for Sending Missionaries:

1. Support is given to an individual or group but only if it is connected to SUMC or another Methodist Organization.
2. If it is another Agency that is associated with SUMC or a Methodist institution it must be approved as a 501c3 by the state and federal government.
3. Each agency must have a broadly based board of directors. We look closely to see if family members are on the board and make decisions regarding other family members.
4. Each board must have regularly scheduled meetings with minutes to back up their actions.
5. Regular financial reports must be available when requested.
6. There should be an audited financial statement available upon request.
7. If it is a national organization, it is strongly encouraged that they belong to UMVIM or any Methodist organizations.

Signature

Date

Please complete all parts of this questionnaire and return it to the International Missions Committee:

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Committee’s Response to the request: _____

Signature: _____ *Position* _____ *Date* _____