



West Ohio Conference

Volunteers in Mission:

Mission Policy Agreement

I realize that the following commitment is crucial to the effectiveness, quality and positive expression of our mission together. As a participating member of The United Methodist Volunteers in Mission team, I agree to:



1. Lift up Jesus Christ with my thoughts, words and actions*
2. Develop and maintain a servant attitude toward the people our team serves as well as toward each team member.
3. Pray for and support my team leader and his/her decisions.
4. Respect the host's religious views, realizing that different people have different expressions of faith.
5. Accept the ministry that is going on in the area where I am serving as well as the local approach to the mission, though it may differ from my own approach.
6. Strive for harmony among team members, hosts and people of the hosts' society, keeping in mind local conditions and customs. To do this I will follow the teachings of Christianity, the Golden Rule, and local societal customs and laws; avoiding local taboos; use common sense and good judgment in all things; be considerate, tolerant and patient with other customs, beliefs and needs; and generally set a good Christian example.
7. Abstain from using alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and profanity; wearing inappropriate clothing; and engaging in other objectionable behavior, from the time of my departure until my return home.
8. Refrain from negativism and complaining. Travel and ministry outside my church may present unexpected and even undesired circumstances. However, my support and creativity will improve the situation.
9. Refrain from gossip. If it is not true, good and positive, I will not say it.
10. Remember that I am a servant of Jesus Christ called to be a in ministry with the host team. I will serve as best I can so that both the spiritual purpose and the task of the mission will be accomplished.

When completed, please return to Team Leader

A copy of this form will be left with the local church or conference office in the event of an emergency.

Missioner's Signature _____ Date _____

** Volunteers who desire to serve in an emergency or chronic disaster setting are asked to show their faith and love by what they do, not by what they say. It is important to be extremely sensitive to the mission context. Proselytizing, converting others to United Methodism, preaching and praying publicly could be inappropriate.*