

Recommendation, Commitment, & Endorsement of Applicant's Church

MISSION TEAMS:

Your congregation member, _____ has been led to apply to participate in one of the service/learning mission trips of the Presbytery.

Mission teams are partnerships including Presbytery, churches, the individual team members, and the ministries visited. The involvement of all concerned is essential, so before the applicant can be accepted as a member of team, your session must agree to the commitments below.

COMMITMENT OF SESSION:

The session has considered the commitments below and checks its pledge to pursue them.

_____ Our session will set up a "support team" (described on the back) and use some of the ideas (and others that we may come up with) in order to both support our participant AND find ways to strengthen our congregation's spiritual development and understanding of mission.

_____ We will pray regularly and intentionally for our member participant, the team, the visited ministry, and our own church, that all will grow in faith and vitality as a result of this experience.

_____ We will financially support our applicant and mission project as a congregation to the best of our ability.

_____ We will commission this applicant as our representative to the mission team.

RECOMMENDATION:

Mission teams are for those who want to be stretched spiritually, not those who appear to be "spiritual giants." Also, the committee recognizes that how one quests for his or her spiritual home in God varies from individual to individual, so there is no "perfect" participant. With these ideas in mind, please answer the following questions and anything else that you think might be important related to your applicant. Information is confidential. Call Ginnie Stevens at 828-438-4217 or 828-258-8220 if there are questions.

1. What gifts will this applicant bring that are relevant to the team for which your member is applying? These may be skills (for example, music or carpentry), or gifts of spirit or personality (the ability to get along with all kinds of people, patience, flexibility, etc.)
2. How has this applicant participated in the life of your congregation? Do you believe he/she is committed to participating in plans to strengthen your church as part of this experience?
3. In your estimation, how might this experience enhance the applicant's spiritual growth?
4. How do you think the applicant will work in a diverse group of people?
5. Do you have any reservations regarding this applicant as a member of this mission team? If so, what?

Name of person filling out the RECOMMENDATION

Telephone #

ENDORSEMENT

Our session endorses _____ as an applicant on a mission team.

Clerk of Session: _____

Date: _____

Return to: Presbytery of WNC, 114 Silver Creek Rd., Morganton, NC 28655.