
HAITI PARTNERSHIP
An Advance Special of the Upper New York and Susquehanna Conferences
of the United Methodist Church

Instructions for application packet

Please read these instructions thoroughly before filling out any forms in this packet.

1. Fill in all applicable blanks. There may be some sections you can't fill in (i.e., if you are in the process of getting your passport and don't have the number yet), or that don't pertain to you (i.e., you are not a medical professional). Please read all forms carefully. The insurance form can be filled in on your computer (using Adobe Reader), but you must print, sign, and mail all forms to the Registrar.
2. Be sure to indicate on top of application form your **first and second choice of team dates**. If you do not have a second choice, just indicate your first choice. If both the dates you have chosen are already filled, we will notify you right away.
3. Make all checks payable to **Upper New York Conference**, regardless of what you may read elsewhere. This is the **only** acceptable notation ("Upper New York" **must** be spelled out). Any checks given to you, whether a personal check or a church check, should also be made out the same way. If checks are made out to you personally, please be sure they are properly endorsed, or deposit them in your account and write a check to the Upper New York Conference. A deposit of **\$250.00** must be sent along with your application.
4. Send all the forms in this packet, preferably at the same time, to the Registrar (address below). Don't forget to send your deposit (**\$250**) with the packet. You need to fill out and sign the NEJ-UMVM Insurance Form. **Please do not** enclose money for the insurance – the cost of the insurance is included in your overall payment.
5. First-time applicants will need to submit a completed **Pastor's Recommendation** form (included in this packet). Please print it out and give it to your pastor. If you are a pastor, please ask your District Superintendent to fill it out.
6. Contents of this packet (check off as you complete the forms):
 - Application** – make sure you indicated your first and second choice of dates
 - Liability Release**
 - NEJ-UMVIM Insurance Application** (MUST BE SIGNED BY A WITNESS)
 - Pastor's Recommendation** (for first-time applicants only)
 - Haiti Partnership VIM Mission Covenant** (must be signed by applicant)

If any forms are missing, please contact the Registrar.

Registrar:

Julianne Miller
15 Avery Street
Tunkhannock, PA 18657

APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER IN MISSION TEAM MEMBERS

Please indicate your FIRST and SECOND choice of team dates (see website for dates)
FIRST CHOICE _____ **SECOND CHOICE** _____

MAIL TO: Haiti Partnership, c/o Julianne Miller 15 Avery Street Tunkhannock, PA 18657

NAME (on passport): _____ Local Church: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ Pastor: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 PHONE: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____
 Date of birth _____ Passport Number _____ Date Passport expires _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Someone who could be reached, if necessary, while you are in Haiti.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____

Do you have medical insurance? YES NO If yes, please complete the following information:

INSURANCE COMPANY NAME: _____ Policy # _____

Are there any policy restrictions? YES NO If yes, please list restrictions: _____

FAMILY PHYSICIAN NAME: _____ Phone _____

Your Blood Type: _____ Immunizations complete? YES NO If no, when will they be completed? _____

Are you taking any prescription medications? YES NO

If yes, will you agree to have a sufficient supply to last you for at least 14 days? YES NO

Do you have any allergies? YES NO

If yes, please list allergies: _____

Do you have any specific dietary restrictions? YES NO

If yes, please list restrictions: _____

Please note your health history and current medical condition: _____

SKILLS: Check the level of your ability for any of these skills (P=professional; G=good; H=hobby; A= around the house)

	P	G	H	A		P	G	H	A		P	G	H	A
Speak Creole or French					Masonry					Sewing				
Computer					Carpentry					Music				
Photography					Electrical					Arts & Crafts				
Teaching					Construction									

MEDICINE: Do you have a current Professional License? YES NO

If yes, what kind of license do you have? _____

NOTE: If you wish to use the skills for which you are licensed, you must attach a copy of your License and a copy of your Diploma and return both of them to us no later than two months before your trip because it takes that long to process your paperwork so you may work in Haiti.

GOALS: State briefly your reasons for going to Haiti and what you expect to contribute and gain on this trip:

Are you willing: to live and work under conditions that may be uncomfortable, unfamiliar, and that require flexibility and understanding? ___ to raise all the necessary funds for your travel and living expenses for this mission trip? ___

VIM team members who are selected will be notified by email or mail. Your \$250 deposit must accompany this application. It will be completely refunded is the trip is cancelled, if your application is withdrawn at least 30 days prior to departure, or if it is not accepted. **You must sign the Liability Release Form and have it witnessed. Mail all materials to the address at the top of this page.**

Signature _____ Date _____

Liability Release
Release of all Claims
Volunteers in Mission - Haiti Partnership
Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church
7481 Henry Clay Blvd Liverpool, NY 13088

In consideration of being accepted by the Haiti Partnership, under the direction of the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church, for participation in a Volunteer In Mission (VIM) trip to Haiti, we (I), being twenty-one (21) years of age or older, do for ourselves (myself) (and for and on behalf of my child-participant if said is not 21 years of age or older) do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless the Haiti Partnership, the Upper New York Conference, and the leaders thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child-participant that occur while said child is participating in the above described trip.

Furthermore, we (I) and on behalf of our (my) child-participant if under the age of 21 years, hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities therein.

Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to the Haiti Partnership of the Upper New York Conference to furnish any necessary transportation, food, and lodging for the participant. The participant further agrees that the Haiti Partnership and the Upper New York Conference of The United Methodist Church assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss or accident which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any supplier of service.

The undersigned further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Haiti Partnership of the Upper New York Conference, the Upper New York Conference, its leaders, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by said Conference as a result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

If the participant is under 21 years of age, by the authorized signatures below, the parents or legal guardian of this participant, (or in their absence, the Team Leader of the project) do hereby grant permission to take said participant to a doctor, medical facility, or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including, but not limited to, emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume the responsibility of all medical bills, if any.

If I am over 21, I, the undersigned, do hereby give permission to the Team Leader of the project, or his/her designate, the full authority to obtain emergency medical treatment for me. I, the undersigned, do hereby grant permission to take said participant to a doctor, medical facility, or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including, but not limited to, emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume responsibility of all medical bills, if any.

Further, should it become necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, we (I) hereby assume all transportation costs.

Print the name of Participant: _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

If the participant is under the age of 21, both parents must sign to signify their acceptance of the above. If the parents are separated or divorced, only the custodial parent must sign. If neither parent has legal custody, the Legal Guardian must sign and date this form.

Signature of Father: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Mother: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Pastor's Recommendation Form

(Required for first-time applicants only)

_____ is applying to be a Volunteer in Mission team member with the Haiti Partnership. He/she plans to travel to Haiti for a work project and Christian mission. Please answer the questions below and return to our registrar at the address below. It is very important that you answer these questions as honestly and accurately as possible. Information provided will be held in strictest confidence.

1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. Would you recommend this applicant to be part of a mission team in a potentially stressful environment where much flexibility is needed? Please explain.
3. Are you aware of any physical or emotional limitations that would limit this applicant's participation in the mission project?
4. Would this applicant be a good candidate to interact with persons of other cultures? Why?
5. What would you list as the strengths of this applicant?
6. Other pertinent comments:

Signature of Pastor _____ Date _____

Thank you for your time.

Please mail to:

Julianne Miller
15 Avery Street
Tunkhannock, PA 18657

Haiti Partnership VIM Mission Covenant

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

1. I will represent the Church of Jesus Christ and conduct myself accordingly.
2. I will develop and maintain a servant attitude toward the people our team serves as well as toward each team member.
3. I will pray for and support my teammates and team leader(s) and his/her decisions.
4. I will not to be exclusive in my relationships and make every effort to interact with all team members.
5. I will refrain from any activity that could be construed as a romantic interest in a national or teammate.
6. I will respect the host's religious views, realizing that different people have different expressions of faith.
7. I will remember that I have come to learn as well as to share. I will resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "how we do things." I will be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.
8. I will 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 and local societal customs and laws; avoid 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 example.
9. I will respect the thoughts/ideas of my hosts and team members. I will not dominate conversations or interrupt others when they speak, and will be patient and respectful of differing opinions.
10. I will abstain from using alcohol, illegal drugs, and profanity; wearing inappropriate clothing – as discussed at training; and engaging in other objectionable behavior, from the time of my departure until my return home. If I use tobacco products, it will only be in designated areas.
11. I will refrain from negativism and complaining, as I recognize that travel can present unexpected and undesirable circumstances; instead of complaining, I will be flexible, constructive, and supportive.
12. I will refrain from gossip. If it is not true, good, and positive, I will not say it.
13. I will understand that I am a servant of God called to be 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.
14. I will attend any mandatory mission team meetings/trainings before the trip.
15. I will respect my team leader(s) and respond positively and abide by his/her decisions. If conflict arises, I will work with my team leader(s) to resolve it.
16. I do understand that I can be sent home at my expense, by team and Haiti Partnership leaders, if there is an irresolvable conflict or lack of adherence to this covenant.

Signature

Date