

# Steps to Becoming Part of a Mission Team

The following steps must be completed in order to be a participant of a mission team sponsored by Sheridan Lutheran Church.

## STEP 1

Submit a completed commitment form, covenant, and a \$100 deposit to the Director of Missions prior to the commitment deadline (varies by destination). To be complete, the submission must include the following items:

### A. Commitment Form

Two pages completed and signed + a photocopy of your passport's photo page, for those going on an international trip.

### B. Team Covenant

Thoughtfully read and signed.

### C. A \$100 nonrefundable deposit

Checks should be made out to Sheridan Lutheran Church with your team's name in the memo line.

## STEP 2

Once your commitment has been received, you will receive more information in the mail from your team leader, including team-specific medical and liability release forms, packing lists, cultural information, itineraries, fundraising guidelines, sponsorship letters, etc. Please read through the information carefully and respond as instructed when necessary.

## STEP 3

Attend the required team huddles and pay the remaining balance. The balance of the trip cost is due at the final huddle. Again, all checks should be payable to Sheridan Lutheran Church with the name of your mission team in the memo line.





Describe your previous mission experiences, training, and/or travels. Where did you go? When and how long? What did you learn?

Describe your strengths, your ministry gifts, and any specific skills that will contribute to the mission and/or mission team (playing guitar, speaking a foreign language, construction, etc):

Name and phone number of someone who knows you are participating in this mission and has committed to praying with you before and during the trip:

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by **your team's commitment deadline**, along with:

- A signed copy of **Form B: Mission Team Covenant**
- A **\$100 deposit** (checks should be payable to Sheridan Lutheran Church with the name of your team in the memo line). Deposits are non-refundable.
- A photocopy of the photo page of your passport (international travelers only). Be sure that passport does not expire within six months of the trip return date.

Return to: Sheridan Lutheran Church  
ATTN: Mission Director  
6955 Old Cheney Rd.  
Lincoln, NE 68516

## Form B: Mission Team Covenant

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**As a member of a Sheridan Lutheran Mission Team, I agree to:**

- Keep in mind at all times that I am an ambassador of Sheridan Lutheran Church, our national ELCA, the Christian faith, and most importantly, Jesus Christ. I will seek to model Jesus in my behavior and attitude at all times.
- Be in prayer for my teammates, team leaders, supporting organizations, my hosts, and all people God puts in my path while on this journey.
- Be a guest, respecting the culture I have entered and being aware that my hosts' views on politics, religion, lifestyle, time, and productivity may be different from my own.
- Learn from as well as share with my hosts and teammates. I will seek out teaching moments and boldly share with my hosts and teammates. I will also humbly and graciously receive gifts, recognizing that attitudes about gifts vary by culture.
- Dress modestly, taking into consideration my host culture's dress expectations, as well as what is appropriate for the work I am doing.
- Pack light and live simply, bringing only luggage and possessions that are appropriate for the service needs of the mission and the country's culture and assuming risk for anything I bring with me.
- Develop and maintain a servant's attitude toward hosts, team leader(s), and teammates. I will demonstrate that I am there to serve others and share Christ by maintaining flexibility, respect, patience, and a positive attitude. I will handle any conflict in a Christian manner.
- Remember to not be exclusive in my relationships and make every effort to interact with all team members and hosts. I will also refrain from any activity that could be construed as a special or romantic interest.
- Abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and illegal drugs for the duration of the trip. Consuming alcoholic beverages may be permissible as decided by the team leader(s) who will give special consideration to the cultural appropriateness and age make-up of the group. Under no circumstances will a minor be allowed to consume.
- Attend and participate actively in mission meetings and events throughout the year, so as to best prepare for the mission trip.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_