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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.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**Signature**

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

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



*Committee’s Response to the request:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Position* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_