

Application for Mission Trip to Malawi, Africa

Deadline: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

The Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, in partnership with the Domasi Presbytery, Blantyre Synod, CCAP, is seeking to send three travelers on a mission trip in September of 2017. After prayerful consideration, if you are interested, please read the details of the trip below, fill out the form, sign and return, with your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

Trip Details and Requirements

- Tentative Dates of Travel: September 15, 2017 to September 27, 2017
- Applications must be submitted to the Presbytery office by the deadline noted above.
- Interviews for those who apply will be held on January 19, 2017 at First Westminster Presbyterian Church in Steubenville, Ohio
- All applicants must be at least 21 years and Presbyterian.
- All applicants will be required to obtain a valid U.S. Passport.
- All applications must be accompanied by an endorsement from your session, as your church will be asked to financially support this trip and be a part of the mission interpretation process.
- All applicants must be willing to work together as a team.
- Once selected, you will be asked to provide detailed medical information, for your own protection and care.
- Once selected, you will be required to get the necessary vaccinations needed for travel to Malawi. You should also obtain Malaria Medication from you physician.
- Once selected, you will be required to obtain travelers insurance for the duration of the trip.
- Once selected, you are willing to commit to spend time getting oriented and prepared for the journey.
- Upon return, you are willing to make yourself available to speak in churches in the Presbytery, sharing the good news of the trip.
- The estimated cost of the trip is \$3,000. You will pay 1/3, your church will pay 1/3 and Presbytery 1/3.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Church: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have questions, please call Becky Boggs (330-426-2898) or Rev. Dr. Steve Cramer (330-385-1127)

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On a separate paper, please answer the following question, writing the question first then your answer.

1. Is your congregation a partner with a congregation in Malawi?
2. How did you find out about the trip?
3. Have you ever participated in a mission trip?
4. If so, please describe the experience. Where, when, how, and with whom did you go? What did you learn? How, if at all, did the trip change you?
5. What do you hope to contribute to this trip?
6. Are you willing undergo training and preparation in advance of this trip?
7. In what ways will you share your experience with others upon your return?
8. Understanding that the medical facilities and availability are significantly limited in Malawi and that travel can be strenuous, are you physically able to make this trip?
9. Do you have physical/emotional health issues we should know about?
10. Most Malawians are exceedingly gracious and hospitable; however, accommodations can often be challenging by U.S. standards. Can you be flexible about living arrangements you might encounter in Malawi?
11. Malawian culture is very different than ours. Cultural differences require flexibility and adaptability on our part. Please give an example of a time when you were required to be flexible and adaptable.
12. Describe your faith journey. How do you see God in this trip?
13. Please provide any other information that would help the Malawi committee know you better.

Please make sure the following questions are answered by your session in your endorsement letter.

1. Is this person a good communicator? Please give examples.
2. Is your church willing to financially support this person by pay 1/3 of the trip?
(Approximate cost is \$3,000 per person)
3. How has this person expressed a heart for mission?
4. Whether this applicant is accepted or not, how can your church be strengthened by the Malawi partnership?

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