

Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica
Volunteer Intern Application
2012

Date: _____

Placement Requested for:

_____ Summer term 9 – 11 weeks
_____ Fall Semester (August – December)
_____ Spring Semester (January – May)
_____ Other

Type of Placement Requested:

_____ Volunteer in Mission (workteam assistant)
_____ Methodist Elementary/High School

I. Personal Data:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: Street _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cel.: _____ E-mail: _____

Birth date: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Gender: M _____ F _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes _____ No _____ (If not, where do you hold citizenship? _____)

Ethnic Origin: _____ Martial Status: Single _____ Married _____

Spouse's full name: _____

Spouse's occupation: _____ No. of children: _____

Names and ages of children: _____

II. Ministry Information:

Denomination affiliation: _____ Church membership: _____

Where do you currently attend church? _____

Ordination (candidacy) status: _____ Conference Association _____

Where are you attending seminary/college? _____

Current Divinity/College Program: _____

How many courses have you completed? _____ Current Year? _____ Current GPA? _____

Previous Mission Experience (list place, date, type of ministry, to whom and with whom you ministered):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What specific ministry task or roles do you wish to explore during your internship?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Do you have any health concerns or physical limitations which need to be taken under consideration? (List all medications you are currently taking, the illness being treated and if you are currently being treated by a licensed medical doctor)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Educational Experiences (post-high school):

Institution	Degree	Year	Area(s) of concentration
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			

Extra-curricular Activities (explain, if necessary):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Church Experience (where, office held, paid positions, special experiences, etc.):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Work Experience (part-time and full-time employment of whatever kind during and following college):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Special skills (you may have developed through church, educational or work experience i.e., music, athletics, drama, organizational-management, etc.):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Hobbies and/or special interest (including significant travel experience):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Do you speak Spanish? What is your proficiency level? Where did you learn to speak Spanish?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

How comfortable would you be translating English/Spanish or vice versa during a worship service or children's activity?

Will you be available to serve from May 22 – Aug. 6? If not please explain....

III.

On additional sheets of paper please respond to each of the following:

- A.** Faith Pilgrimage: Please narrate your Christian journey, including the pivotal influences on your walk with Christ, the high points of your spiritual and theological formation and your call to ministry/missions. This should be 2 to 4 pages doubled spaced
- B.** What is the biggest struggle you have dealt with and how has it made you different?
- C.** Where do you see yourself vocationally in 7- 10 years?
- D.** Share a book that has impacted you and why/how it did?
- E.** Describe an experience that was met with much disappointment or failure. How did you respond?

IV.

Choose **two of the four** questions below and answer them in no more than one page/question.

- A. Take a portion of scripture and share specifically how it has changed and shaped who you are today.
- B. Describe a hero in your life, the values they represent, and why you admire them.
- C. Describe Christianity in America today as it relates to your peers' perceptions of the faith compared to what you believe it means to truly follow Jesus Christ.
- D. Respond to the following quote as it relates to your life experiences: "Through our greatest pains come our greatest passions."

Recognition/Affirmation of “Volunteer Status”

I _____, (full name) do hereby acknowledge that if asked to serve as a volunteer intern with the Evangelical Methodist church of Costa Rica, I will be responsible for obtaining all necessary financial support needed during my stay in Costa Rica which will include but which is not limited to airfare, transportation, (in country) food, lodging, personal expenses, intern training event and a short term health insurance policy. (Obtained in the U.S.)

(signature and date)

Personal Recommendation Forms: to be completed by counselors, principals, teachers, church leaders, coaches, or community leaders. You are required to return a minimum of three (3) Personal Recommendation Forms accompanied by written letters of recommendation from your recommenders. Up to two (2) additional letters of recommendation (without forms) may be submitted with your application.

Consent for Criminal Background Check Form: While in Costa Rica you will be ministering to and working with children and youth, therefore it is imperative that you complete and submit the attached “Consent for Criminal Background History Check” form.

Copy of Passport: two copies of a valid passport

Please Return completed application (Sections I – IV) via email along with Consent for Criminal Background Check, and two copies of your passport to: ray.zirkel@gmail.com prior to Feb. 20, 2012. Please have Recommendations sent separately directly from the persons to the same email address or mailed to the following address prior to Feb. 15, 2012.

Ray Zirkel
J.B.C. SJO 1441
PO Box 025240
Miami, FL
33102

**Consent for Criminal Background History Check
Authorization/Waiver/Indemnity**

Must be submitted for All Intern's (Part-time and Full-Time)

I hereby give my permission for the Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica and those supervising the volunteer intern program to obtain information including but not limited to my criminal history, credit history including a consumer report under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681, Driving Record, Employment History, Military Background, Civil Listing, Educational Background, Professional License from any Individual, Corporation, Partnership, Law Enforcement Agency, and other entities including my Present and Past Employers relating to my criminal history record through any agency maintaining such records including internet sources. The criminal history record, as received from the reporting agencies, may include arrest and conviction data as well as plea bargains and deferred adjudications and delinquent conduct committed as a juvenile.

I understand that this information will be used in part, to determine my eligibility for an internship/volunteer position with the Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica. I also understand that as long as I remain an intern or volunteer the criminal history records check may be repeated at any time. I understand that I will have an opportunity to review the criminal history report, if I dispute the record as received by the Church I have the opportunity to dispute, in writing, any adverse information contained in such report and to clarify such information in consultation with a Church representative.

I, the undersigned, do for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, hereby remise, release and forgive discharge and agree to indemnify any agency maintaining such records, the Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica and its affiliated organizations and each of their officers, directors, employees, missionaries, and agents and hold them harmless from and against any and all causes of action, suits, liabilities, costs, debts and sums of money, claims and demands whatsoever, and any and all related attorney's fees, court costs, and other expenses resulting from the investigation of my background in connection with my application to become an intern/volunteer with the Church or any of its affiliated organizations.

Form must be filled out in Ink only

_____		_____			
Date		Applicant's Signature			
_____		_____			
Driver's License No.	State	(Print) First	Middle	Last Name	
_____		_____			
Date of Birth	Race	Sex(M/F)	Social Security No.		

I know of no complaint or charge that has been brought against me in regard to any sexual misconduct or action.

_____		_____			
Date		Applicant's Signature			

Official Use by EMCC Only

Request for Waiver Received _____

Request Submitted _____

Report Received _____

Notification of information sent _____

Note to Applicant: On reverse side of paper please print your full name, street address and phone number.

