

***The Nyadire Connection:  
Application for Volunteers in Mission Teams  
to Nyadire, Zimbabwe in 2009***

Admin Only

Trip:  
Age:  
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Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Email:

Church Membership:

Phone Numbers Home:

Work:

Cell:

1. Please provide a short description of your faith journey. How did you get to where you are now in your faith?

2. Why do you wish to participate in a VIM Trip to Zimbabwe?

3. How did you hear about the trips?

4. What do you know about *The Nyadire Connection*?

5. Are you willing to attend sessions/do readings to prepare for the trip? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Would you willing to serve as a representative of *The Nyadire Connection* in some way when you return home from the mission trip? This may include telling others about the trip, joining a committee, advocating behind the scenes, offering your special skills, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

7. What gifts or skills do you possess that you could contribute to the mission?

8. What kind of service would you be interesting in doing? Please rank them with 1 being your first preference.

Construction/Maintenance       VBS/After school program       Orphans/Children/Youth  
 Medical       Care-giving/Pastoral       Administrative

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which trip do you prefer?

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Full Payment Due</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 16 – May 2	Feb 16, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Jun 18 – Jul 4	Apr 20, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug 6 – Aug 22	Jun 8, 2009
<input type="checkbox"/> Oct 8 – Oct 24	Aug 10, 2009

10. If your preferred trip is full, would you consider another trip? If so, which one(s)?

11. Are you willing to deal cheerfully with the accommodation provided which will probably include power and water outages, sharing a room with others, and unfamiliar food? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Will you remain calm, patient, and flexible at all times? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Please list any previous mission trip experiences (foreign and domestic):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Responsibilities</u>
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14. Please list all your medications and dosages that you take regularly.

15. Please indicate any medical issues that would be relevant (diabetes, asthma, etc.)

**16. By signing below, I indicate that:**

- A I understand that there are inherent dangers in foreign travel. I have read the current travel warning posted on the Department of State Website concerning the country (countries) to which I am traveling. (<http://www.state.gov/travel/>).
- B I realize that I am responsible for the full cost of my trip. This includes but is not limited to: shots, passport fees, visa, NEJVIM registration and insurance, airline tickets, in-country transportation, lodging, food, and drink.
- C I agree to cooperate at all times with the team leader concerning our life together, including daily assignments, food, lodging, and transportation.
- D I have read the Information sheet on page four of this application.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent if a minor**

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

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

*The Nyadire Connection  
3319 West Liberty Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15216  
412-531-7131*

or [info@nyadire.org](mailto:info@nyadire.org)

*If your application is accepted, other forms required include:*

- 1. Photocopy of Passport Info Page
- 2. Medical Information
- 3. Emergency Contact Information
- 4. UMVIM NEJ Insurance form and payment
- 5. Liability Release

*These will be mailed to you for completion or handed out at a training meeting.*

**Return completed form to:**

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Pittsburgh, PA 15216  
or  
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**Questions?**

*Please call 412-531-7131 and ask for Rev. Kimberly Greway*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Size of Team

Teams are limited to eight persons per team including the Team Leader. Once eight members are accepted, additional applicants will be placed on a stand-by list.

### Safety

Safety is our first priority. We will continually monitor the situation in Zimbabwe with the help of our Zimbabwean counterparts and will make a firm decision about each trip 45 days prior to departure.

### Trip or Travel Insurance

Trip or Travel Insurance is highly recommended but not required. Travel Insurance protects you from penalties assessed for canceling due to medical reasons.

### Training Sessions

Participants are expected to attend all training sessions. The training sessions are critical times of team building and full participation is very important. If there is an unavoidable conflict, please contact the Trainer *before* the session. **You** will be responsible for acquiring missed information and for picking up missed handouts. Attendance will be taken at all sessions.

### Optional Excursion

Each trip will have an optional excursion that will include game-viewing, sightseeing, etc. The fee for this excursion will vary based on the site chosen. More information will be given to you as soon as possible. You must decide whether or not you will be participating in the excursion 60 days before departure.

## PAYMENTS/AIRLINES/CANCELLATION

### Trip Cost

Total trip cost is 1) land portion of \$700 plus 2) airfare (typical airfare is \$2800 but can range from \$1800 to \$3000) and 3) a donation to The Nyadire Connection. Each team member is encouraged to make a voluntary contribution to The Nyadire Connection of between \$100 and \$500.

A typical trips costs:	\$700	+	\$2800	+	\$500	=	\$4000
	<i>Land</i>		<i>Air</i>		<i>Donation</i>		<i>Total</i>

A deposit of \$500 secures your place on the team and is deducted from your total cost. For information about refunding your deposit if a trip is cancelled, please see *Cancellation Policy* below.

### Airline Ticket Purchase

Airline Tickets will be purchased as a group 30-45 days prior to departure. Although the tickets will be purchased as a group, each individual will be made aware of and must agree to the ticket cancellation terms set by the airline.

If you would like to purchase your ticket individually, you may do so provided that you 1) speak directly to a TNC leader and 2) arrive in Harare at the same time as the group.

As described above under “Payments”, you must first submit \$2800 as an estimated purchase price of the airline ticket. Once we have determined the exact purchase price of the airline tickets, you will be 1) refunded any overpayment or 2) asked for additional funds for underpayment of the total.

## Payment

Full payment of \$3500 (which includes an estimated ticket purchase price of \$2800) is due 60 days before departure. If applicable, the full payment for the excursion is due at this time as well.

A 10% late fee will be assessed if full payment is not received 60 days prior to your departure date. All payments should be made out to **Christ UMC** and mailed to **44 Highland Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15102**. Please mark your check with the name of the person traveling and the date of the trip (e.g. *Jim Jones, May Zimbabwe trip*).

Because the situation in Zimbabwe is unpredictable, we purchase airline tickets 30-45 days before departure. We will continue to plan and prepare for each trip, but will delay financial commitments as long as possible.

## Cancellation Policy

### *Trip Cancelled By Individual*

If you cancel your participation in a trip 60 or fewer days from departure, all payments will be returned to you except for your \$500 deposit and any cancellation charges charged by the airlines and other vendors.

If you cancel your participation in a trip more than 60 days before departure, all payments will be returned to you except any cancellation charges charged by the airlines and other vendors.

### *Trip Cancelled By TNC*

If we must cancel a trip, all payments will be returned except for any cancellation charges charged by the airlines and other vendors.

## Included in Price

Included in the trip price: roundtrip airfare from Pittsburgh International Airport, accommodations, food at the mission, transportation, services of volunteer Trip Leader

Not included in the trip price: passport, visa, immunizations, necessary medications, transportation to Pittsburgh International Airport, church offerings, travel insurance, souvenirs, tips, and meals away from the mission.

## DONATIONS

### Donors and Donations

Team members are encouraged to raise a significant portion of the total trip cost from donors. Please speak to TNC leadership for more information about how to approach possible donors for support. Information will also be given at the training sessions. Donations should be made out to **Christ UMC** with your name and trip date clearly marked in the memo.

**CALM...PATIENT...FLEXIBLE**