

***The Nyadire Connection: Application for
Volunteers in Mission Teams 2016***

Name(s) _____ Date of Birth _____
Phone (h) _____ (c) _____
Address _____ Email _____
Church Membership _____

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

2. How did you hear about the trips?

3. Are you on Facebook? Have you joined our Facebook group?

4. Please provide a short description of your faith journey.

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

6. Are you willing to attend sessions and do readings to prepare for the trip? _____

7. Are 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 (presentations), offering your special skills, etc.

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

9. What is your profession? What expertise do you have?

10. What kind of projects would you be interesting in completing?

11. Please rank the dates you would prefer to attend a trip.

May _____ June 23rd – July 12th _____ July (tentative) _____

12. 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? _____

13. A. Will you try to remain calm, patient, and flexible at all times? _____

B. Tell me about yourself! What do enjoy doing in your free time? What are your passions?

14. Please list previous mission trip experiences or outreach work (foreign and domestic):

Date Location Responsibilities

15. Please list all your medications and dosages that you take regularly.

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

17. By initialing 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/trave/>). _____
- 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. (Average \$2,850 without safari)
- C. I agree to cooperate at all times with the team leader concerning our life together, including daily assignments, food, lodging, and transportation.

Signature

Date

Signature of Parent if a minor

Date

If your application is accepted, other forms required include:

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

These will be mailed to you or given to you at our training meetings.

Return form to:

*Molly Michael
1705 Beryl Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15227*

Mollyalice.michael@gmail.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

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. Your options for Trip or Travel Insurance will be explained further at the training sessions.

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/CANCELLATIO

N Trip Cost

Total trip cost is 1) land portion of \$650 plus 2) airfare (typical airfare is \$2200 but can range from \$1700 to \$2400). Some teams will offer an optional excursion to a safari camp. Typical costs for the safaris are between \$300-600 for 3 nights including safari activities.

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| A typical trip costs: | \$650 | + | \$2200 | + | \$500 | = | \$3350 |
| | <i>Land</i> | | <i>Air</i> | | <i>Safari</i> | | <i>Total</i> |

A deposit of \$650 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.

Payment

Full payment of the land portion reserves your spot on the team and 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 Smith, 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.

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.

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 \$650 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 \$650 land price: accommodations in Harare and at the mission, most food in Harare and at the mission, transportation, services of volunteer Trip Leader.

Not included in the trip price: airfare to Zimbabwe, passport, visa, immunizations, necessary medications, transportation to Pittsburgh International Airport, church offerings, travel insurance, souvenirs, tips, and some 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