

Application Guidelines for Potential Global Outreach Partners Christ Church

Thanks in advance for taking the time to apply as a Potential Partner of Christ Church. We are committed to praying, giving, and serving our partners and this process ensures that we are excellent in keeping that commitment.

We seek to partner with individuals that are committed to the same vision as Christ Church. To help begin this application process, we have provided an application check list. This list describes the criteria that we look for when identifying potential partners. Before you begin completing the application, you should review the check list. The following criteria will be used to evaluate potential partners

Potential Partner (Individual) Check List

I will adhere to the following:

- Fulfill a long term commitment to my host community (1 year minimum)
- Be a peacemakers in my host community, and actively work to extend mercy and justice to members of my host community
- Be a storyteller, and humbly sharing the story of Christ thought organic and intentional relationships OR support host community leaders so that they will better be able to share the Gospel message
- Will not require any preconditions of accepting Christ as a prerequisite for acts of mercy or justice
- Will be committed to send monthly prayer updates to Christ Church
- Have well defined goals for peacemaking and story telling that can be articulated and evaluated on an annual basis
- Submit to the Apostle's Creed and the Authority of Scripture as God's revelation which is clear unto salvation
- Not hold essential what Christ Church deems to be non-essential beliefs or practices (e.g. baptism by immersion, gifts of the Spirit, particular eschatological view)
- Will be connected to a local church in my host community

Supporting Organization Check List

Christ Church also requires that potential partners have a supporting organization that they will be working with in their host community. These supporting organizations (i.e. Operation Mobilization, International Justice Mission) should have a screening process, training program, and strong ties to the host communities. We will require that supporting organizations also adhere to the following:

My supporting organization adheres to the following:

- Has a vetting process which evaluates whether an individual has both the gifts and aptitude to faithfully serve a specific host community

- Provides training to equip individuals to serve as both story tellers and peace makers in their host communities
- Submit to the Apostle's Creed and the Authority of Scripture as God's revelation which is clear unto salvation
- Not hold essential what Christ Church deems to be non-essential beliefs or practices (e.g. baptism by immersion, gifts of the Spirit, particular eschatological view)
- Will hold individuals financially accountable in their use of funds for their work.
- Has experience and a long term commitment to working in the host community (i.e. a past history of either working directly in the host community OR past experience in pioneering work in other similar areas).
- Has means of sending funds overseas in an efficient and transparent method that allows for accountability.

Advocate Process

This is the Christ Church member who will be committed to advocating for you while you are faithfully serving overseas. We believe this is absolutely critical. An advocate will be responsible for the following:

- Communicate monthly prayer updates to our prayer team
- Do a quarterly congregational update during our Sunday Worship service and lead the congregation in prayer for our partner
- Organize care packages

We believe this is absolutely critical – and consider this position as a “Leader Position”. Advocates should complete the Christ Church servant leader's application.

Application Process

- 1) Submit the Nomination Form (it can be worked on jointly with nominee and nominator). The nomination form requires 3 Christ Church Members to nominate the applicant. This is to ensure that there is a strong and passionate group that is committed to prayer and financial support.
- 2) A one-page letter of recommendation by each advocate.
 - a. How do you know the individual and for how long? (i.e. same community group)
 - b. An example of how nominee has been a peace maker (i.e. extended justice and mercy to others)
 - c. An example of how nominee has been a story teller (i.e. shared the Gospel with another person)
 - d. What are the strengths of the nominee? struggles?
 - e. Describe how the nominee is both humble (grace) but confident (grace) in pursuing peace making and story telling
- 3) The mission values from the supporting organization
- 4) A letter from your supporting organization that describes:
 - a. What is the relationship between the organization and community? For how long has the organization been there?

- b. What is the organization's desired relationship with the applicant's local church?
- c. What was the vetting process like?
- d. How will nominee be financially accountable?

Once the application has been completed, the Global Outreach committee will evaluate the application.