

# MISSIONS POLICY

## Word & Worship Church

- I. How does a member of Word & Worship get sent on a short term mission trip?
  - A. What does it mean to be sent?
    1. Being sent by the church body on a short term mission trip means to be commissioned by the local church to accomplish a specific task at a specific geographical location
    2. It means that the local church is saying 'Amen' to the life, character and gifting of the individual that is being sent
    3. It means there is an agreement by the elders of the church that the specific person being sent meets all requirements; and that the timing of the mission trip is appropriate for the spiritual season of the individual being sent for service.
  - B. What character qualities must be demonstrated by the individual being sent?
    1. A level of spiritual maturity that is equal to the task for which they are being sent
    2. Active in serving the local church with a consistent demonstration of faithfulness in all areas of responsibility
      - a) Has a stable relationship with Jesus, evidenced through prayer and worship
      - b) Family in order (demonstrates submission to parents)
      - c) Has a job and is willing to work hard
      - d) Serves faithfully in the church
      - e) Demonstrates Biblical stewardship practices
        - (1) Faithful to support the church in tithes and offerings (this includes an accountable giving for all applicants, including teens)
        - (2) Good management of resources and finances and free of excessive debt
        - (3) The financial responsibility rests upon the applicant, although a request may be made to the elders for assistance from the mission budget (request form attached)
      - f) Must possess a teachable spirit
      - g) Has demonstrated a willingness for ongoing training, equipping and preparation for ministry – Examples:
        - (1) Demonstrated willingness to be trained in the word of God and active in study; has taken or has a plan to attend the Ministry Training Institute
        - (2) Has been involved in previous evangelistic events and training
        - (3) Attendance is faithfully consistent on Sunday mornings, in Connection Group, Youth Group, and/or other special church functions
      - h) It is the individual's responsibility to make practical, advance preparation
        - (1) Passport
        - (2) Vacation time
        - (3) Financial sacrifice
        - (4) Appropriate research
        - (5) Prayer
      - i) The Mission Procedure is to be adhered to and followed
        - (1) All forms and applications must be submitted in a timely fashion
        - (2) All applications will be reviewed by the elders of the church and the missions coordinator; an acceptance or denial will be given in an appropriate amount of time.

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