

RECOMMENDATION, COMMITMENT, & ENDORSEMENT OF APPLICANT'S CHURCH

CHURCH DELEGATION TO GUATEMALA

Your member _____ has been selected by your session as a delegate to your partner church in Guatemala. These trips are partnerships including the three partner presbyteries, the partner churches, and the individual team members. The involvement of all concerned is essential, so we ask that your session agree to the commitments below.

COMMITMENT OF SESSION

The session has considered the commitments below and checks its pledge to pursue them.

_____ Our session will set up a "support team" in order to both support our participant AND find ways to strengthen our congregation's spiritual development and understanding of mission.

_____ We will pray regularly and intentionally for our member participant, the team, the partner presbyteries, our partner church and ourselves, that all will grow in faith and vitality as a result of this experience.

_____ We will financially support our applicant.

_____ We will commission this applicant as our representative to the delegation.

RECOMMENDATION

Mission teams are for those who want to be stretched spiritually, not those who appear to be "spiritual giants." Also, the committee recognizes that how one quests for his or her spiritual home in God varies from individual to individual, so there is no "perfect" participant. With these ideas in mind, please answer the following questions and anything else that you think might be important related to your delegate. Information is confidential.

1. What gifts will this delegate bring to the team? These may be skills (for example, music or first aid), or gifts of spirit or personality (the ability to get along with all kinds of people, patience, flexibility, etc.)
2. How has this person participated in the life of your congregation? Do you believe he/she is committed to participating in plans to strengthen your church as part of this experience?
3. In your estimation, how might this experience enhance your member's spiritual growth?
4. How do you think this person will work in a diverse group of people?
5. Do you have any reservations regarding this person as a member of this mission team? If so, what?

Name of person filling out the RECOMMENDATION

Telephone #

ENDORSEMENT

Our session endorses _____ as an applicant to the church partner delegation to Guatemala.

Clerk of Session

Date