

Synod of the Covenant: A Just Peace Church

2017 Mission to the U.S.A. Program Application

Program Dates: October 13 to November 3, 2017

Name of Church _____

Address _____ City _____ State and Zip _____

Church Phone _____ Church email _____

Name of presbytery _____

Name of pastor or CRE _____

Pastor or CRE email (required) _____ Cell Phone (required) _____

How long has the pastor been serving this congregation? _____

Name of associate pastor, if applicable _____

Name of lay contact person _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Who will serve as the primary contact for this program? _____

Has your congregation participated in the Mission to the USA program in the past?

Yes ___ No ___ If yes, when? _____

Congregation's membership _____

Please specify the category in which you wish to apply. This is a suggested donation:

_____ Congregation of up to 100 members--\$200 contribution toward travel expenses plus \$150 per week gift of cash for mission partner's personal expenses (\$650 total suggested contribution)

_____ Congregation of up to 200 members--\$400 contribution toward travel expenses plus \$150 per week gift of cash for mission partner's personal expenses (\$850 total suggested contribution)

_____ Congregation of up to 300 members--\$600 contribution toward travel expenses plus \$150 per week gift of cash for mission partner's personal expenses (\$1050 total suggested contribution)

_____ Full Supporting Congregation--\$1000 contribution toward travel expenses plus \$150 per week gift of cash for mission partner's personal expenses (\$1450 total suggested contribution)

Congregations can apply in any category. If finances are a hindrance to participation in the program, talk to the program coordinator, and arrangements can be made.

Please answer the following questions, using as much space as needed.

1. How do you hope the congregation will benefit from participation in the Mission to the U.S.A. Program?
2. How do you hope the MUSA program will compliment the congregation's or presbytery's focus, programs, or efforts?
3. Does your congregation or presbytery have any international partnerships? If so, please describe briefly.
4. Describe your congregation's understanding of its mission in your community and in the world.
5. Describe your worship style and any particular theological outlook.
6. Describe your programming for children and youth, including participation in worship.
7. Describe some specific opportunities and activities in your congregation and in your community in which you might arrange participation for your Mission Partner?
8. What educational events and opportunities will the congregation plan prior to the arrival of your MUSA Mission Partner, in order to learn about his or her home country?
9. Do you have a suggested preference for gender (male or female), or ordination (clergy or lay person)? If so, please explain.
10. Will the pastor/CRE and lay contact person be available to attend the orientation at the synod office on Friday, Oct. 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the debriefing session on Friday, Nov. 3 from 10:00 a.m. to noon? **Attendance is a very important part of the program.**

Please return this completed form to: musa@synodofthecovenant.org

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APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1, 2017