

Boone UMC Missions

Application for Long-Term Missions Support

Name:

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Mailing Address:

Boone United Methodist Church seeks to partner with individuals and organizations that are committed to spreading the good news of Jesus Christ around the world. We recognize that modern missions may look different to various people groups and in other parts of the world. As a result, we seek to thoughtfully engage and support specific efforts that tell people about Jesus Christ, build up the local church, and do both in a culturally relevant and engaging way. Specifically, our church is committed to uniting with others who feel God calling them into missions with our prayers and financial support. To help our church gain a better understanding of your mission, we have developed this application which we feel asks important questions about your calling and how you think we can help. Further, we feel this application process provides clarity and accountability for both you and us as we try to be faithful stewards of God's calling and resources.

This application should be used for those who wish to engage in mission projects that are longer than one month. The application consists of three sections that we feel are vitally important in helping us understand the dimensions of your ministry. The first is a Personal Statement which tells us more about you and your calling. The second section consists of an Advocate Statement where a BUMC member who supports you in your ministry tells us why they support you. The third section is an Organizational Statement where your supporting or host organization gives us insight into how they support you and work in the community you wish to engage.

Section 1 – Personal Statement

Please tell us about yourself. (Please limit response to one page)

- How did your walk with Christ begin?
- What is your past/current church background and affiliation?
- What other personal information (such as education, vocation, or unique experiences) do you think is relevant? Please also be sure to include basic contact information such as mailing addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, skype usernames, etc.

Please tell us about your calling. (Please limit response to one page)

- What do you think God is calling you to do and how do you believe you have come to understand that calling?
- How do you plan on sustaining your efforts going forward?

Please tell us how you think we can help. (Please limit response to one page)

- What would a strong partnership with BUMC look like to you?
- How are you going to share the fruits of your efforts with BUMC?

Section 2 – Advocate Statement

This section's primary purpose is to ensure that there are members of our church who are strongly committed to prayer and passionate support for you and your ministry. Please choose one member of BUMC to answer the following questions and ask them to return their responses to our Pastor of Community Engagement, Rev. Laura Beach. Please limit responses to the questions below to one page. Please ask your advocate to provide their name, email address, and phone number as well.

- How do you know the applicant for support?
- Why do you believe in what the applicant is doing?
- Are you committed to praying for the applicant?
- Have you committed to financially support the applicant?
- What other things do you think are important for us to know as we consider supporting the applicant?

Section 3 – Organizational Statement

Please provide a letter (or some other form of correspondence) from your supporting organization that responds to the questions below. Once completed, please return to our Pastor of Community Engagement, Rev. Laura Beach. Also, please provide basic contact information for the organization – website, phone numbers, contact persons, etc.

- Please provide a very brief history of your organization (a few sentences will be fine).
- What is the relationship between the organization and the community? How long has the organization been involved in the host community?
- What is the organization's desired relationship with the applicant's local church?
- What is the organization's vetting process like for applicants?
- What are the financial accountability requirements for the applicant?
- What support will be provided to the applicant?

Thank you in advance for taking the time to apply as a potential missions partner of BUMC. The deadline for application submissions is May 30th and November 30th. Please make sure that all elements of the application are returned to our Pastor of Community Engagement, Rev. Laura Beach by the closest deadline. Once the application has been completed, the Missions Committee will review applications for support twice a year – once in June and once in December. Once reviewed and discussed, someone from the BUMC Missions Committee will contact you to let you know how we've chosen to partner with you. If you have any questions, please Rev. Laura Beach at 828-264-6090 ext. 226.