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Dear Pastor,

Greetings in the strong name of our Lord, Jesus! I am writing to let you know that the individual giving this letter to you has requested an application to participate in an upcoming WorldBase Missions Encounter. The Missions Encounter is an entry-level training and preparation program for those interested in cross-cultural ministry. The primary qualifications for those wanting to attend an Encounter are fruitful ministry in their home church, the ability to function well in a group setting, the recommendation of their senior pastor and sponsorship by their home church.

The Encounter is overseen by personnel who are committed to the development of leaders and the expansion of God's kingdom. Our goal is that participants will gain an understanding of the challenges and nuances of cross-cultural ministry, develop their personal ministry gifts, serve the surrounding churches through outreach and be a blessing to their home church upon their return.

This is a self-funded category of service. The participant will need to raise financial support from their own resources, their local church and other donors. They do not necessarily need formal Bible college or ministry training.

The following pages explain in more detail what a Missions Encounter is, and what the church is agreeing to do and is responsible for in sending a participant out. After reviewing the information and meeting with the applicant to discuss the opportunity for their involvement in an Encounter, would you please complete the attached recommendation form, separate it, and mail it to WorldBase in the enclosed envelope.

Many thanks for your time and for your commitment to this process! When all of the documents are received and reviewed, we will contact the applicant. Following that we will contact you with any other details that you may need. As always, it is a pleasure to serve you and your congregation. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at kfuller@foursquare.org or call me at 1-888-635-4234, ext. 4348.

Till all Have Heard,

Kurt Fuller
Ministry Team Coordinator

MINISTRY AGREEMENT

(This agreement is between the Missions Encounter participant, the sending church, and WorldBase.)

Who raises the money for the Missions Encounter participant?

The participant and his or her sponsoring (“sending”) church agree to raise all financial support for his or her assignment. This should be apart from funds that would otherwise be designated for the ongoing support of their regular missions giving. All expenses incurred while serving as an Encounter participant will be the responsibility of the participant and the sending church. In the event of an early return by the participant for whatever reason (examples: a family emergency, disciplinary action, etc. . . .), the sending church agrees to either supply the funds so that the participants can complete their assignment or cover the cost of bringing the participant back home. (Note: some sending churches address this by asking the participant to purchase a round-trip airline ticket.)

Who processes the support funds?

Funds received for the participant should be accounted for by the sending church. It is recommended that one person in the sending church be designated to do this, most likely the church’s financial administrator. The church will receive and disburse all funds for the participant, issue tax-deductible receipts to the donors and issue annual compensation reports (form W2 or 1099-MISC) to the participant and the U.S. government. The church can either set up a special account for the participant’s funds, or the church can carefully keep track of the funds in one of the church accounts.

What about medical insurance?

The participant will agree to carry health/medical insurance for the duration of their time at the encounter, at their expense. Proof of insurance will be required for applicant’s file.

What else should we know?

The participant agrees to return home as directed, should the WorldBase leadership, or the sending church determine it is necessary to conclude the assignment prior to the completion of the Encounter.

Dating/romantic involvement at an Encounter would call for a review of the participant’s status and potentially result in immediate conclusion of their participation. Other activities that are discouraged and would call for a review include: inability to meet financial obligations, inability to live up to the Encounter code of conduct, or any other circumstances or activities that might hinder a participant’s ability to complete the Encounter in a satisfactory manner.

PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

DEAR PASTOR, the following person has informed WorldBase that they have spoken with you and have your blessing to attend a Missions Encounter. Would you please take a few moments to complete this recommendation form for them. Serious consideration will be given to your evaluation of the applicant's character and fitness for short-term missions. Please be candid so that we will have a fair appraisal of the applicant's qualifications, matching them with the best possible ministry opportunity. Your responses will remain confidential. If you have any questions, please call the WorldBase Coordinator at 888-635-4234, ext. 4348. Thank you!

Applicant's Full Name _____

For the pastor to complete:

Your Full Name _____ E-mail _____

Church Name _____ Church Code _____

Denomination _____ Phone Number _____

What is your current level of relationship with the applicant? (please check one):

- Extremely Close Close Familiar Acquaintance Distant

How many years have you known the applicant? _____

Please check all of the following that apply to the applicant:

USUAL REACTION TO STRESSFUL SITUATIONS

- Mature Assertive Passive Depressed
 Angry Withdraws Solves problems well

DISPOSITION (*prevailing tendency, mood, or inclination*)

- Cheerful Depressed Extrovert
 Introvert Moody Balanced

LEADERSHIP (*ability to inspire others to follow and maintain their confidence*)

- Excellent Good Immature
 Follower Easily swayed

AUTHORITY (*ability of applicant to relate to authority*)

- Rebellious Challenges Indifferent
 Submissive Communicates Obedient

COOPERATION

- Helpful Resistant Uncooperative
 Independent Unswerving

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

- Meticulous Well groomed Clean
 Fair Unkempt

ACHIEVEMENT (*ability to formulate and complete plans*)

- Excellent Good Average
 Fair Poor

FINANCES (*ability to handle personal and business finances*)

- Excellent Good Average
 Fair Poor

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

- Genuine Superficial Mature
 Contagious Over-emotional

CONCERN FOR OTHERS

- Anti-social Somewhat interested
 Self-centered Genuinely interested

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS (*check all that apply*)

- Relational Non-relational Lazy
 Considerate Inconsiderate Very jealous
 Affectionate Unaffectionate Affirming
 Respectful Critical Speaks sharply
 Good disciplinarian Poor disciplinarian

MOTIVATION TO ATTEND AN ENCOUNTER

- Duty Likes to travel Serving Heart
 Evangelism Call Escape
 Personal/ministry growth Adventure
 Career development

Please rate the applicant's abilities in each of the following areas of expertise:

(5 = excellent, 4 = above average, 3 = average, 2 = low, 1 = none)

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| ___ Listening | ___ Discernment | ___ Administration | ___ Meeting New People | ___ Handling Confrontation |
| ___ Discipline | ___ Leadership | ___ Recruiting | ___ Personal Introspection | ___ Managing Money |
| ___ Teamwork | ___ Evangelism | ___ Prayer | ___ Teachable Attitude | ___ Decision Making |

What characteristics might hamper the applicant's service? (Experience, doctrinal bias, eccentricity, etc.)

What should happen (if anything) before the applicant is sent to an Encounter? (Personal development, training, experience, etc.)

What are the applicant's strongest gifts and abilities?

How well does the applicant work with other leaders?

What is the most significant statement you can make regarding the applicant?

Please Check One:

- I strongly recommend
 I recommend with reservation
 I do not recommend
 the applicant to represent my church and WorldBase in service at an Encounter.

Statement of Faith:

1. The Bible is God-inspired (2 Tim. 3:16,17) 2. God is Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (2 Corin. 13:14) 3. Man was created in the image of God, but that by voluntary disobedience he fell from perfection (Rom. 5:12) 4. That while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, signing the pardon for all who believe in Him (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8) 5. We have no righteousness and must come to God, pleading the righteousness of Christ (Eph. 2:8) 6. That upon sincere repentance and a whole-hearted acceptance of Christ, we are justified before God (Rom. 10:6-10; 1 John 1:9) 7. The change which takes place in the heart and life at conversion is a very real one (2 Corin. 5:17; Gal. 2:20) 8. It is the will of God that we are sanctified daily, growing constantly in the faith (Heb. 6:1) 9. Baptism by immersion is an outward sign of an inward work (Matt. 28:19) and in the Commemoration of the Lord's Supper by the symbolical use of the bread and the juice of the vine (1 Corin. 11:24,25) 10. The baptism with the Holy Spirit empowers believers and that His coming is after the same manner as in Bible days (Acts 2:4) 11. It is the will of God that we daily walk in the Spirit (Eph. 4:30-32) 12. The Holy Spirit has gifts to bestow upon the Christian (1 Corin. 12:1-11) and that we should show spiritual fruit as evidence of a Spirit-filled life (Gal. 5:22) 13. The experience and daily walk of the believer should never lead him into extremes of fanaticism (1 Tim. 2:8-10; Col. 3:17; Phil. 4:5) 14. Divine healing is the power of Christ to heal the sick in answer to the prayer of faith (James 5:14-16) 15. The second coming of Christ is personal and imminent (1 Thes. 4:16,17) It is our sacred duty to identify ourselves with the visible Church of Jesus Christ (Acts 16:5, Hebrews 10:25) 17. Laws should be upheld at all times, except in things opposed to the will of God (Rom. 13:1-5) 18. Some day all shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to there receive eternal life or death (Rev. 20:11-15; Heb. 9:27; 2 Corin. 5:10) 19. Heaven is the glorious eternal home of born-again believers (John 14:1-3; Rev. 7:15-17) 20. Hell is the place of eternal torment for all who reject Christ as their Savior (Rev. 20:10-15) 21. Soul winning is the primary responsibility of the Church (James 5:20) 22. The method ordained of God for the support and spread of His cause is by giving tithes and free-will offerings (Malachi 3:10; 2 Corin. 9:7).

I have read the above Statement of Faith and I understand that all teaching and training will hold to this statement.

By signing below I am stating that I have also read, understood, and agree to the attached introductory letter and Missions Encounter agreement.

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

(Please seal this reference form in a confidential envelope and return it directly to the WorldBase Office.)

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