

MPUMC Mission Leadership and Team Roles

Mission Experience

Being the Body

Before the Mission Experience –

There will be 6 weeks of small group study that the team members must participate in. These studies will transform the team into missionaries. The small group meetings will allow the team to grow closer together spiritually.

As a team we will reflect on the gifts that each individual brings so that, we can combine those gifts for the best experience possible. We will also reflect on the individual resources we bring to the experience along with what resources our church has to support the mission experience.

Growing in Faith

On the Mission Experience –

There will be daily prayer, and reflection. We will reflect every day to open up and become vulnerable so that we can grow spiritually. We will begin each mission with a foot washing to commission our week. We will close our week through Holy Communion signifying the common table we share with our new found brothers and sisters.

Questions we will answer while on the trip?

- Where did you see pain?
- Where did you see hope?
- What hope can you bring back to our local community?

Serving Others

Return Trip –

It is our responsibility to bring back our transformed hearts for our local community. Upon our return we will have three Sundays where members of the team will share testimonies from the experience. On the third Sunday we will host a meal and video slide show to give thanks to the church for their love and support.

As a team we will have three follow up meetings. First, we will talk about the images of the mission experience that have left a lasting impression on our hearts. Second meeting, we will talk about action steps to enact in our local community as a mission team. Third meeting will be a time of fellowship at a team member's home. We will have a potluck dinner and time to bring families together.

Mission Experience end Results -

A mission experience will foster and continue to develop one's personal growth with Jesus Christ while also nurturing a communal connection, as we all seek to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. A mission experience will be transformational in nature for the individual, team, community served through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Through the transformation the team will return with a renewed heart and passion to, clothe, feed, heal, and pray for their community where they live (Matthew 25: 31-44). These experiences will also grow future leaders and caretakers of God's beloved. This will all be accomplished as we live into our identity created in the image of God. May it be so!

Mission Experience Leadership

Team Leader

This person(s) keeps the team grounded in the mission of God before, during, and after the mission experience. In addition this person(s) is responsible for keeping the team harmoniously together in order to accomplish the particular mission.

Team Logistics

This person(s) is to obtain all needed travel information: contact organization we stay with, airline tickets, ground transportation (if needed), and place to stay.

Team Organizer

This person(s) will gather all information for team members: packing list, passport numbers, insurance information, emergency information, and keep up with documents in travel.

Team Fundraiser Coordinator

This person(s) will encourage and keep track of the fundraising efforts. This person(s) and a team should encourage and create new and innovative fundraising possibilities. These fundraisers should also be sustainable and fellowship building. This person will inform the financial secretary of where the collected funds should go, e.g. Adult Missions "location".

Team Chaplain

This person(s) will be in charge of the weekly devotionals by assigning and working with the team members. Working with team members the assigned person to offer the daily devotional will also be in charge of blessings the meals that day. This person(s) will be responsible for keeping a spiritual pulse on the team and will encourage prayer or times of Sabbath rest when needed.

Team Food Coordinator

This person(s) will be responsible for knowing any dietary needs of team members and will be responsible for making sure we have food and snacks for the duration of the trip. This person(s) will also plan the thank you meal for the church. This meal will be offered to the congregation as a thank you for their prayers and support.

Team Encourager

This person(s) will be responsible for encouraging and keeping up the morale of the team members throughout the week. They will be responsible for helping keep the morale of the team focused on the love of Christ that we are called to spread.

Team Return Coordinator

This person(s) works with other team members to share a testimony in all worship services. This person(s) will identify at least three people to write stories to be shared in through our communications department. This person(s) will be responsible for gathering photos into an account like snap-fish so that we have a collection to share with team members and other members of the church.