



Youth and Young Adult Missionary Application

How To Fill Out This Application

Please type or print in black ink.

Your application will be considered complete when:

- You have answered all of the questions and essays in the application (Sections 1–3)
- You have collected all of your completed references (Sections 4a–d)
- Mail the original form and references to:
General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church
Young Adult Programs
475 Riverside Drive, Room 320
New York, NY 10115

Please note:

- Complete criteria for selection of candidates can be found online
- Verification of all data contained in this application is required prior to acceptance into the program.

Program Timeline

US–2 Program

A two–year leadership development and mission service program for young adults ages 20–30 interested in working with faith–based organizations to alleviate human suffering and institutional neglect. Bachelor’s degree or equivalent life experience is required.

Application Deadline	December 1
Interview	February/March
Notification of Acceptance	March
Notification of Assignment	April
Training	September/October
Placement Begins	November

Mission Intern Program (Commissioned every odd year)

A three-year program for young adults ages 20–30 to develop leadership skills and gain exposure to global issues of social justice as they work with faith-based communities around the world. Bachelor's degree or equivalent life experience is required.

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Notification of Acceptance	March
Notification of Assignment	April
Training	September/October
International Placement	November (Year 1)–December (Year 2)
Regrouping	January (Year 2)
Domestic Placement	January(Year 2)–July/August (Year 3)

Name: _____

Mission Intern Program:

Applicants to the Mission Intern Program will be required to obtain their own VISA/passport documents to work in their country of origin *and* a foreign country. Will you be able to do this? (yes/no)_____

US-2 Program:

Applicants to the US-2 Program will be required to show proof of eligibility to work in the United States. Will you be able to do this? (yes/no)_____

Spouse: If you are married, does your spouse plan to accompany you?_____

Is he/she applying for service through GBGM?

Full name of spouse and citizenship_____

Dependents Section: Name, DOB, Would he/she accompany you?

Language skills: (use this code: F=fluent; A=adequate; M=minimum)

Language	reading	writing	speaking
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Legal consideration: have you ever been found guilty of a felony charge? If so, please explain.

Church Membership

Name of church* _____

Address _____ Denomination _____

Name: _____

City/state _____

Name of pastor

Zip code

Church phone number

*If United Methodist, your annual or central conference

Are you a candidate for ordination?

_____ Are you a: _____ lay person

_____ clergy (___ elder ___ deacon)

certified as _____ consecrated as: _____

Health considerations: An expectation of Mission Intern/US-2/Summer Intern placement sites is the ability to work flexible hours, and potentially to participate in physical activity. Do you have any health issues that would prohibit you from meeting these expectations?

Do you have any physical or mental health issues of which w should be aware or which would determine the location or kind of ministry in which you can serve, including medical or dietary requirements, special medications, or ongoing treatments and counseling? Please explain.

Financial considerations: Participants in these programs receive subsistence salaries and are asked to live at an economic level comparable with those with whom they are working. Given that, do you have any particular financial needs, outstanding financial obligations, and/or family responsibilities that affect your ability to participate? If so, please explain.

Name: _____

Have you received any financial support, including room or board, from your family during the last six months?

Have you provided you family with financial support during the last six months?

Do you expect to receive financial support from your family during your term of service?

Are you expected to provide your family with financial support during your time of service?

Work history (list most recent first): Current occupation

Dates	Employer	Address	Position
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Formal education (list most recent first)

School/College/University	Program/Major	Degree Received
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Certifications/Awards/Continuing Education

Dates	School/Organization	Location	Type
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Name: _____

Activities *(include internships and participation in church, volunteer, and community organizations)*

Dates	Organization	Location	Type
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How did you find out about the General Board of Global Ministries Young Adult Mission Opportunities?

Section 2: Narrative Section, Summer Interns

Please answer the following questions for reflection (Do not exceed a total of three typed single-spaced pages for your answers to questions 1–5.) Answer the preference section on this page.

1. What meaning does Jesus Christ have in your life?
2. What is God’s mission for the church? In your experience, how is the church fulfilling and/or falling short of God’s mission?
3. What do you expect to gain from the experiences and challenges of being a Summer Intern? How do you think this will influence your future plans?
4. What are the issues that concern you most in the world today?
5. What special skills, gifts, and graces can you bring to the Summer Intern Program? (Be Specific).

Preference Section

Place:

- Rural parish or agency
- Urban/inner-city parish or agency
- Willing to serve where needed

People you would work with:

- Children
- Youth
- Adults
- Combination

Which of the following would you be interested in learning or using in your placement site?

- Planning and leading worship
- Teaching church school

Name: _____

- Leading discussions
- Working with community service groups
- Organizing and guiding committees
- Public Speaking
- Teaching arts and crafts
- Coaching athletics (specify)
- Leading singing
- Leading group recreation
- Directing dramatics
- Being a camp counselor
- Tutoring
- Working with physically or mentally challenged persons
- Carpentry/construction

Essay: (Please limit your statement to no more than two typed single-spaced pages.)

Share your faith journey, including the person and experiences that have been most significant in your life. Include why you have chosen a particular program and how that decision fits into your ongoing journey of faith.

Section 2: Narrative Section, US-2 and Mission Intern

Please answer the following questions for reflection (Do not exceed six typed single-spaced pages for your answers to questions 1–9.)

1. Describe something in your life that has recently affected your faith. How did you see God at work in the process?
2. What meaning does Jesus Christ have in your life?
6. Describe your understanding of racism in both society and the church. How do racism and your struggle with it affect the way you understand yourself and your role in social justice ministry?
7. Describe your understanding of and experience with sexism both in your personal life and in society. How can the church be changed by addressing this issue?
8. Why does poverty exist? How should the church respond?
9. Compare and contrast justice and charity as they relate to social change.
10. The Young Adult Programs can be mentally, physically, and spiritually challenging. What do you expect to be the most challenging element of your experience?
11. Explain something important you have learned through interactions with communities of a different race, religion, sexual orientation, or culture.
12. How do you understand cultural dominance? Why is it important to consider its effects when doing social justice ministry?

Name: _____

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Section 3: Personal Assessment

Answer the following questions by giving yourself a numerical rating and several descriptive words or phrases. Please use the following scale: **5= Outstanding, 4 = Good, 3 = Satisfactory, 2 = Fair, 1 = Poor.** If you have not experience some of the given situations, please give yourself a **U = Unknown.**

Please characterize your ability to...

- ___a. Live out your understanding of social justice and the gospel.
- ___b. Sustain yourself spiritually in times of difficulty.
- ___c. Be conscious of and work with your personal strengths and weaknesses.
- ___d. Adapt to new situations.
- ___e. Learn from your own mistakes.
- ___f. Deal with criticism, rejection, or disapproval.
- ___g. Recognize how your culture impacts your attitudes, assumptions, values and behaviors.
- ___h. Respect and work within communities of different attitudes, assumptions, values, behaviors, and religious beliefs.
- ___i. Listen to other people.
- ___j. Perceive nonverbal communication.
- ___k. Cope in situations where the goals and objectives are ambiguous.
- ___l. Show leadership.

Name: _____

___m. Work independently.

___n. Work as part of a team.

___o. Work with supervisors who may be of a different gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, age or culture.

Section 4: Personal References List

Please give the Confidential Reference Form to the four persons who will serve as your references. This list should include a pastor who knows you well, an employer, a teacher/professor or academic advisor, and one other person.

Please list your references below and return this form with the rest of your papers so that we will know your file is complete. **Make sure your references return the forms to you in a sealed envelope for you to include with your completed application.**

- 4a. Pastoral Reference (pastor or leader of a worship community who is not a member of your family; for clergy, a district superintendent or bishop is also acceptable).

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

E-mail_____

Relationship to you_____

- 4b. Work-Related Reference (an employer, manager, shift supervisor)

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

E-mail_____

Relationship to you_____

- 4c. Academic Reference (a teacher, professor, or academic advisor)

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

E-mail_____

Relationship to you_____

- 4d. Personal Reference (a friend, colleague, mentor, etc.)

Name_____

Address_____

Name: _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Relationship to you _____

Section 4a: Pastoral Reference Form

Please Type or Print in Blue or Black Ink

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1. How long, how well, and under what circumstance have you known the applicant?
2. What has the applicant given as her/his reason for applying to this program?
3. Note specific strengths you have observed in the applicant.
4. If you have noticed any limitation in the applicant, please specify.
5. Our programs often involve considerable contact with people in different cultural settings under different circumstances. Please indicate your observation of the applicant's reactions under stress. Be specific.
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7. How do you rate the applicant's overall potential for success in our programs? Please check one of the following and then write a summary paragraph. Add any significant information and impressions that have not been brought out by the preceding questions.

Exceptional

Superior

Good

Average

Below Average

Should be discouraged

Name: _____

Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Signature: _____

Date _____

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Section 4b: Work-Related Reference Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional | <input type="checkbox"/> Superior | <input type="checkbox"/> Good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Should be discouraged |

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