

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	February 1
Interview	March/April
Notification of Acceptance	April
Notification of Assignment	May
Training	July
Placement Begins	August 15

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.

Application Deadline	February 1
Interview	March/April
Notification of Acceptance	April
Notification of Assignment	June
Training	July
International Placement	August (Year 1)-December (Year 2)
Regrouping	January (Year 2)
Domestic Placement	February (Year 2)-June (Year 3)

Name: _____

Section 1: Basic Data

Please type or print clearly using black or blue ink.

Program to which you are applying:

- Mission Intern
- US-2

Name: (Ms., Miss, Mrs., Mr., Rev.)

(first) (middle) (last)

Present address: (until _____)

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip code _____

Country _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (other) _____

Best time to call _____

Email address _____

Permanent address: (person who can always reach

you)

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip code _____

Country _____

Phone _____

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? _____

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

Language	reading	writing	speaking
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name: _____

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

Church Membership

Name of church* _____

Address _____ Denomination _____

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 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?

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.

Work history (list most recent first): Current occupation _____

Dates	Employer	Address	Position

Name: _____

Formal education (list most recent first)

School/College/University	Program/Major	Degree Received

Certifications/Awards/Continuing Education

Dates	School/Organization	Location	Type

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

Dates	Organization	Location	Type

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

Section 2: Narrative Section

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?
3. 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?
4. 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?
5. Why does poverty exist? How should the church respond?
6. Compare and contrast justice and charity as they relate to social change.
7. The Young Adult Programs can be mentally, physically, and spiritually challenging. What do you expect to be the most challenging element of your experience?
8. Explain something important you have learned through interactions with communities of a different race, religion, sexual orientation, or culture.
9. How do you understand cultural dominance? Why is it important to consider its effects when doing social justice ministry?

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 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.
- ___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 _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____
Relationship to you _____

Section 4a: Pastoral Reference Form

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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: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

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Section 4b: Work-Related Reference Form

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