

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MISSIONARIES FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

The General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) is the mission sending agency of the United Methodist Church. The United Methodist Church sees the need to respond to the needs of colleague churches, projects and institutions both here in the United States and in other countries. Therefore, we make missionary assignments primarily by request of partner churches, agencies, institutions and/or organizations.

- ***Faith Confession:*** All persons assigned as General Board of Global Ministries mission personnel must be Christians. Although membership in the United Methodist Church or other Methodist Churches is not required for missionaries, it is recommended. Familiarity with and commitment to the United Methodist ***Discipline***, that is, its polity and its structures, are required.
- ***Church Experience:*** Leadership experience and mission service through congregations and annual conferences are desirable.
- ***Assignments:*** All mission personnel of the General Board of Global Ministries missionaries are assigned to locations where there are defined mission needs and where personnel is requested by local mission partners (Central Conferences, partner autonomous Methodist or united Churches). Missionaries do not initiate, create, nor design their own assignments.
- ***Terms:*** Service term is three years and may be renewable upon satisfactory completion of evaluation and review.
- ***Professional Credentials:*** Certificate/degree in Health Sciences from an accredited institution is required as a minimum. Must be registered in country of residence.
- ***Professional Experience:*** All professionals (surgeons, physicians, nurses, educators, etc.) must have a minimum of five to ten years experience in their respective specialties after graduation.
- ***Experience with Diversity:*** Experience working with and serving persons of different racial-ethnic, socio-economic and cultural backgrounds is advisable.
- ***Language:*** Fluency in a language or languages other than English is an asset although not a requirement for application. Language study may be required for a particular assignment.