

# FORM A – CUBA MISSION TRIP APPLICATION

Hyde Park United Methodist  
500 W. Platt Street, Tampa, Florida 33606  
813.253.5388

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Dates \_\_\_\_\_

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## FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL. PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

Title (Circle) \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mrs. Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
Rev. Dr. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Family) \_\_\_\_\_ First (Given) \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (print plainly): \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (Month/Day/Year): \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place: \_\_\_\_\_

### For Visa Application

Father's Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Current or last Employer (if student, name of school): \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Passport (your name must be shown exactly as written on your passport):  
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Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If not a U.S. citizen, list citizenship country: \_\_\_\_\_

Country/State/City of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Sec. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ If married, spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of Hyde Park United Methodist Church? How Long? \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number of a church member who knows you well: \_\_\_\_\_

If not a Hyde Park United Methodist Church member, please list your church name, pastor, and name of a person who knows you well (include contact information):

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In which ministry areas of the church have you served?

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Please describe the extent of your Christian education, if any – i.e., Sunday School, Confirmation, Disciple Bible Study, Fresh Start, Companions in Christ

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Why do you want to serve on this mission?

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Why do you believe God has called you to serve on this particular mission?

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Do you have any difficulty working with Christians who may have doctrinal viewpoints different from your own?

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Describe your cross-cultural living, training and/or travel experiences. What did you learn? What types of difficulties did you experience?

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Do you speak a language other than English? If so, please list:

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List countries and dates of previous overseas volunteer experiences:

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Please describe your strengths, your ministry gifts and skills:

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Please describe areas in which you desire growth in your personal and spiritual life:

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How do your immediate family members feel about your going on this mission trip?

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Have you ever been denied a travel visa or had a travel visa revoked? If so, for which country and what were the circumstances?

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Do you have difficulty receiving and following direction from a team leader? If so, how do you propose to overcome this?

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Do you anticipate having to raise funds for this trip? Please describe how you plan to raise the additional funds you will need. Do you need any scholarship assistance?

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this completed form at least 90 days prior to the departure of the trip for which you are applying, along with a completed and signed copy of:**

- Application (Form A)
- Mission Trip Covenant (Form B)
- Photo Release Form (Form C)

**UMVIM Forms**

- Medical Information & Release Form
- International Missioner Profile and Release of Claim

**Please also include:**

- Copy of passport

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This application will not be considered until all of the fully completed materials listed above are received. Upon receiving these materials, and prior to accepting the application, Hyde Park United Methodist Church may review all pertinent information (including that provided by references) relating to the applicant's interest in serving on a particular mission trip. Additionally, if the Missions Team has any questions regarding the applicant's responses or physical ability to serve on a specific trip, a personal interview may be requested. The Missions Team will make the final decision regarding an application, if there are any questions or concerns.

Once an application has been accepted for a specific trip, the applicant will be notified of the acceptance promptly via letter, email or phone call. If, for any reason, an application is denied, the deposit will be refunded in full.

# Form B – Cuba Mission Trip Covenant

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## As a member of this team I agree to:

- Remember that I am representing Hyde Park United Methodist Church and, more importantly, Jesus Christ. I will seek to model Jesus in my behavior and attitude.
- Be in prayer for my teammates, team leaders and for those with whom we will be in contact.
- Remember that I am a guest visiting at the invitation of my hosts. I will respect their culture without judgment.
- Remember that I have come to learn as well as to share. I will resist the temptation to inform our hosts about “how we do things.” I’ll be open to learning about other people’s methods and ideas.
- Respect others’ view of Christianity in the context of their culture. I recognize that Christianity has many faces around the world, and that the purpose of this trip is to share the love of God and to experience faith lived out in a new setting.
- Dress modestly, and only bring luggage and possessions that are appropriate for the service needs of the mission and the country’s culture.
- Develop and maintain a servant’s attitude toward all Nationals and my teammates. I will demonstrate that I am there to serve others and share Christ, while learning and developing relationships.
- Respect the thoughts and ideas of my hosts and team members. I will not dominate conversations or interrupt others when they speak, and will be patient and respectful of differing opinions.
- Respect my team leader(s) and respond positively to his/her decisions.
- Refrain from criticism and gossip about our host(s) and teammates.
- Refrain from complaining, as I recognize that travel can present unexpected and undesirable circumstances; instead of complaining, I will be flexible, constructive, and supportive.
- Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships and make every effort to interact with all team members.
- Refrain from any activity that could be construed as a special or romantic interest in a National or teammate.
- Watch my language, refrain from discussing politics or other sensitive subjects, and avoid references to the military and to other religious groups or practices.
- Refrain from teaching or practicing any belief that is not supported by the United Methodist Church.
- Attend the mandatory mission team building meetings.
- Participate actively in meetings as well as in mission, through sharing opinions, assisting in finding alternatives when necessary, assuming responsibilities and honoring decisions.
- Keep confidential discussions and personal information shared among team members.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# FORM C – CUBA MISSION TRIP PHOTO RELEASE

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## Release and Consent

Participant Name (print name) \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize and grant Hyde Park United Methodist Church, Inc., its employees, agents, licensees, independent contractors, successors and assigns (collectively "Producer") the right to record my name, likeness, image, voice and statements (collectively "Appearance") digitally or on film, tape or otherwise for use in a planned video production and any other programming (collectively the "Programming".) I understand and agree that my Appearance may be edited and otherwise altered at the sole discretion of the Producer, and used and re-used by Producer, in whole or in part. I also understand and agree that my Appearance may be used and re-used for any and all broadcasting, advertising, digital distribution, or exploitation of any type, whether audio or visual, or for any purpose in any manner or media (whether now known or hereafter devised, and including but not limited to, Internet broadcast and home media products), including use for advertising or commercial purposes or purposes of trade. I further understand and agree that these rights are granted to Producer in perpetuity and throughout the world. By signing this agreement, I understand that I have no rights to the Programming or any other uses or re-uses, and no right to receive any compensation or consideration for any uses or re-uses of all or part of the Programming or my Appearance.

I also consent to the use of my Appearance in connection with the broadcast, distribution, exploitation or promotion of the Programming, as well as other uses and re-uses, as may be edited by Producer, its employees, agents, licensees, independent contractors, successors or assigns.

If the participant named above is a minor child, I represent and promise that I am the child's parent or legal guardian, and that I have full and sole authority to sign this agreement on my own behalf and on the child's behalf. I agree to all the terms of this agreement on my own behalf and on behalf of the child.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT.

Participant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(or signature of minor child's parent/guardian)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_