

United Methodist Volunteers In Mission
Of
California-Nevada
UMVIM, CN

TEAM LEADER APPLICATION
Please print/type the following information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ (w) _____ (h) _____ (cell)

Email: _____

There are certain requirements to be a leader of a United Methodist Volunteers In Mission team for the California-Nevada Annual Conference. The following questions are based on those preliminary requirements:

Requirement #1: *You must have gone on an UMVIM team, or similar experience, as a team member.*

Please tell us what UMVIM, or similar, team experiences you have been on. List at least one, and as many as possible, along with the year in which the experience(s) took place, and from what Annual Conference the experience(s) originated: _____

Requirement #2: *You must be recommended to be a team leader by the person who was the team leader of an experience where you served as a team member.*

Please give us the name, and as much contact information as is possible, for one team leader of one of the mission experiences you listed above. We will contact that person for a recommendation: _____

Requirement #3: *You must be recommended by your pastor, or, your District Superintendent, or, the bishop for the California-Nevada Annual Conference, or, the UMVIM Coordinator for the California-Nevada Annual Conference.*

Please give us the name, and as much contact information as is possible, for the person whom you wish for us to contact, and who qualifies according to the stated requirements: _____

Recommending person's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(This person must know you, personally, and be able to vouch for your faith representation, and feel confident in your ability to conduct yourself as a leader within the United Methodist Faith; and feel confident that you represent the following as outlined on page 7 of the training manual as the qualities of an UMVIM team leader:

* Demonstrated commitment to Christ and to the mission ministry of the church. * Maturity. * Travel knowledge and cultural sensitivity. * Flexibility and patience, patience, patience. * Leadership skills in organization and decision making, ability to delegate responsibilities to team members, and willingness to include the team in the process. * Financial management skills or ability to delegate to a team member this responsibility. * Ability to recruit team members and locate resources. * Interpersonal skills and communication skills for dealing with team members and contact persons of the sponsoring ministry and the host team. * An enthusiastic, caring, positive attitude that enables the person to be a motivator. * Willingness to invest time and energy to prepare, guide, and supervise mission team members. * Ability to be a problem solver. * Ability to set a good example for the team. * A sense of humor.)

Requirement #4: You must complete the “Team Leader Training” program.
Please tell us when and where you completed this training, and who the “trainer” was.

“Team Leader Training” within California-Nevada can only be conducted by the Cal-Nev Conference UMVIM Coordinator, the Western Jurisdiction UMVIM Coordinator, or the GBGM UMVIM representative. Special Note to Medical Team Leaders: To be a “Team Leader” of a Medical Team, you must receive the regular “Team Leader Training” PLUS the “Medical Team Leader Training.” Medical Team Leader Training can only be conducted in the California-Nevada Annual Conference by the volunteer California-Nevada Medical coordinator, or, the UMF/HCV consultant. Please tell us where and when you received this additional training:

by whom: _____

California-Nevada “may” accept training credentials transferred from another Annual Conference within the United Methodist Church – but will also reserve the right to refuse to accept such credentials.

Requirement #5: You must be accepted to be a team leader by either the UMVIM Coordinator for the United Methodist Volunteers In Mission program of the California-Nevada Annual Conference, or, by majority vote of the UMVIM Committee for the California-Nevada Annual Conference.

Requirement #6: You must be a member of the United Methodist Church.

While membership in the United Methodist Faith is not a requirement for team members – and indeed, diversity in faith is in many cases, sought after – membership in the United Methodist Faith is required of team leaders. The team leader is expected to understand and to uphold the Discipline and the beliefs of the United Methodist Faith, and thus properly represent our Faith to the team members and all persons whom the team comes in contact with. The team leader is expected to be a spiritual leader to the members of the team, and to all persons the team comes in contact with.

Please tell us the name and location of the United Methodist Church where you have membership: _____

If you have been a member of this church for less than one year, please give us the name and location for all church families where you have been a member of for the course of the last 5 years: _____

*By your **signature** below, you affirm that, to the best of your knowledge, the above information is correct, and that you agree to uphold the teachings of the United Methodist Faith, as represented by the California-Nevada Annual Conference at all times, and in the presence of all persons, while acting as a team leader on any and all mission experiences of the United Methodist Volunteers In Mission program:*

Signature

Date