SAN MIGUEL DEL LAGO

Lote No. 3 Col. Lago Azul, Final Carretera Mayan Golf, Villa Nueva, Guatemala

Parish Priest's or Spritual Father Reference

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Dear Rev. Father:

Applicant Name:_____ has applied to participate as a ☐short-term ☐mid-term ☐long-term missionary at our Orthodox orphanage on the following dates: _____. We want very much for the local church to be involved in the acceptance, sending and ongoing counseling of our applicants. We would, therefore, appreciate your willingness to help us understand this applicant and their strengths and weaknesses. Applications cannot be reviewed without this reference letter from you. It will be most helpful to both the applicant and us if you be completely frank. The information you provide will only be shared with those on the missionary staff involved in making a possible assignment.

1. How long have you known this person? Please check (**x**) box:

☐ Less than 6 mos.   ☐ 7-12 mos.   ☐ 1-2 years   ☐ 3-5 years   ☐ more than 5 years

2. How involved has he/she been in your church?

Very involved		Unknown		Uninvolved
☐1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5

In what capacity(s):

3. Does he/she attend Divine Liturgy regularly?

☐Sundays & other days   ☐Every Sunday   ☐Most Every Sunday   ☐Some Sundays

4. What gifts for ministries have you perceived in the applicant?

5. Please describe the applicant's character in the area of:

"Can do" attitude:

Response to authority:

Team player and cooperative:

Ability to take criticism:

Emotional stability:

Ability to handle stress in a changing environment:

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6. What areas of weakness or need for growth do you perceive in the applicant?

7. Do you know anything about the applicant's family?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

   If yes, how would you characterize this family in terms of Christian commitment, stability, unity?

8. Please describe any concerns you may have regarding the applicant in the following areas:

   Ability to engage in rigorous activity:

   Weight:

   Substance abuse:

   Drugs or medication:

   Chronic health problems:

   Personal appearance:

   Emotional or mental problems:

   Reactions to a high stress situation:

   Ability to lead or participate on a mission team:

9. Have you ever counseled the applicant for any personal problems that may affect them on a mission team especially in a cross-cultural setting or issues?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No
      If yes, please explain.

10. Why do you think this person wants to participate on a mission team?

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11. To what extent would you consider him/her grounded in Orthodox Christian beliefs and their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures? (Circle all that apply)

    ☐ Very   ☐ Applies to own life   ☐ Teaches others   ☐ Not at all   ☐ Unknown

12. Can you wholeheartedly and without reservation recommend this person for short-term mission   service? ☐ Yes   ☐ No

Thank you for your time and assistance. If there are further questions, we may contact you. If you are aware of anyone that we should contact further or any information that will help us to better understand and best assist this applicant, please do not hesitate to contact us. All information will be held in privacy and confidence, limiting its release only to parties involved with the facilitation and implementation of the mission assignment.

Signature:_____**Date:**_____

Printed Name:_____

Church Name: _____

Church Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____Zip code:_____

Telephone:_(_____)_____Fax:_(_____)_____

E-mail:_____

When reference is completed in full, please email it to:

       missionoffice.hra@gmail.com with copy to nunivon@ufm.edu

--Thank you.