

LYNNHAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Financial Support Request for Individual and Team Mission Trips

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Are you a member of LUMC? _____

Purpose of mission project: _____

Dates of project: _____

Total estimated cost: \$ _____

Total amount requested \$ _____

How are you planning to fund your trip? _____

How would you prefer to (briefly) share your mission trip experience with the congregation on your return? _____

The LUMC Missions Committee will review your request at the next scheduled meeting and will inform you by phone or e-mail.

Date: _____ Approved _____ Amount _____

Not approved _____

Chair, Missions Committee

Please submit your request to the Missions Committee Chairperson or by mail to:

Missions Committee
Lynnhaven UMC
1033 Little Neck Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Application Process

- Complete an application for a mission trip scholarship no less than 60 days before your trip.
- Applicants are encouraged to submit applications by e-mail or by dropping the application off at the church office. The Missions Committee cannot consider any request for funds without a completed application form.
- The Missions Committee generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Applications to be considered by the committee must be available before regularly scheduled meetings.
- The Missions Committee reserves the right to limit funds for award, so applicants should be prepared to pay any costs in excess of amounts awarded or to solicit other financial support.
- The Committee will consider supporting up to 25% of the total cost, not to exceed \$500.

Spiritual Preparation

Your financial supporters have an opportunity to worship God through their giving.

Regularly ask friends and family to pray for you and your mission trip.

Church staff can point you to helpful devotional resources as you prepare your heart for your trip.

Consider keeping a prayer journal before, during, and after the mission. Consider finding an accountability partner with whom you can share your experience.

Mission Fundraising

1. START EARLY ... 4-6 months before the trip.
2. Write letters or e-mails to friends and family requesting support. You might be surprised to learn how excited people will be to be a small part of supporting your mission, if you just ask. Request only \$5 or \$10, as well as prayer support.
3. Organize a rummage sale. Clean out your old closets and offer to help other church members clean out theirs in exchange for the donation of goods to sell. Rummage sales are popular community events and can often raise a large amount of money in a short period of time.
4. Offer up your professional services. If you have a special talent for organization, cleaning, walking dogs, washing cars, making gift baskets, cooking, sewing or something else, offer your services to church members in exchange for donations. You will be surprised at how you can help people in your own community in addition to preparing for your mission trip.
5. Get together with others going on the mission trip to sponsor a dinner at the church.
6. Have a group bake sale.
7. Ask for money for your mission trip instead of birthday or other gifts you will be receiving.
8. Write a personal thank you note when you receive money and then again after you return from your trip, adding information about the results and experiences from your trip.