

FORM C – MISSION TEAM COVENANT

Central United Methodist Church, 1501 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Location: Omaha, Nebraska

Dates: July 17 - July 22 (Sun. - Fri.)

As a member of this team I agree to:

- Be in prayer for my teammates, team leaders and for those with who we will be in contact.
- Remember that I am representing Jesus Christ and Central United Methodist Church of Lawrence. I will seek to model Jesus in my behavior and attitude.
- Remember that I am a guest visiting at the invitation of my hosts. I will respect their culture without judgment.
- Respect others' view of Christianity in the context of their culture. I recognize that Christianity has many faces in the world, and that the purpose of this trip is to share the love of God and the experience faith lived out in a new setting.
- 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 will be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.
- Develop and maintain a servant's attitude toward all persons, including 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 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 hosts and teammates.
- I recognize that travel can present unexpected and undesirable circumstances; I will be flexible, constructive and supportive.
- Remember to not be exclusive in my relationships and make every effort to interact with all team members.
- Refrain from any activity that could be construed as special or romantic interest in a host or teammate.
- Dress modestly, and to only bring luggage and possessions that are determined by the team leader(s) to be appropriate for the service needs of the mission and the destination's culture.
- Use appropriate language, refrain from discussing politics or other sensitive topics, and avoid references to the military and other religious groups or practices.
- Abstain from the use or purchase of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and illegal drugs from the beginning of the trip to the end, including at the departure and arrival and in route.
- 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.
- Wear closed-toe shoes such as tennis shoes during the entire mission experience. Sites will not allow team members to participate in activities if wearing open-toe shoes such as sandals or flip-flops
- Be prepared to do work that may require getting dirty.
- Be prompt and arrive at sites and group activities on time.
- Not bring cell phones, ipods, and other similar electronic devices (such as games) to work sites as well as reflection and devotion times and other such group activities. I understand there will be one adult responsible for an emergency cell phone at work sites.
- Not bring a camera on the work site. I understand there will be only one official group photographer allowed.
- Follow and adhere to the behavior guidelines set forth by United Methodist Ministries Volunteers in Mission.

Signature _____ Date _____