

Once you have been accepted on a Global Partnership Team, this letter will be sent to your pastor and the chairperson of the church's mission committee. It is your responsibility to visit with them regarding how your church can be supportive of your mission.

Dear Pastor and Mission Committee Chair:

The Global Partnership Committee of the Rocky Mountain Region/Conference of the Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ welcomes _____, a member of your congregation, as a delegate on the mission team _____, traveling to Venezuela _____. The team will be working with our partner, the UEPV [United Evangelical Pentecostal Church of Venezuela] in projects emphasizing construction, education, or health care. Folks who have been on previous missions have said that they have had 'eye opening, heart-warming, and life changing experiences'.

The cost of this trip to your delegate is \$40/day plus airfare and supplies for whatever project is underway. Therefore the cost of each trip varies. Over the years our entire region/conference has helped raise funds for supplies.

The spirit of the partnership can be experienced by your congregation through their involvement in supporting _____ in his/her journey. We encourage the pastor and chair of the mission committee to assist your delegate to plan your church's involvement. Here are a few ideas:

- ❖ Invite a representative of the GP Committee to do a presentation on Venezuela for Adult Education, Church School, or Worship.
- ❖ Decorate a bulletin board sharing the partnership story.
- ❖ Fill a care box with things that are needed by our Venezuelan partner such as adult/children's vitamins, Tylenol; children's books in Spanish & school supplies; items found in first aid kits, tooth brushes & paste, etc.
- ❖ Make small practical gifts such as hugging pillows, baby blankets, picture books.
- ❖ Commission your delegate in a worship service prior to the trip.
- ❖ Schedule presentations for after the trip by your delegate.
- ❖ Assist your delegate in raising all or a portion of the cost of participation. Here are some ideas:
 - Have a community dinner.
 - Sell tee shirts, hats, candy.
 - Sponsor a special offering.
 - Raffle off donated items.
 - Have an auction or garage sale.
 - Budget for assisting delegates in your annual budget.

We at the GP Committee level are excited about the growth of involvement in this important mission and hope your congregation will partner with us.

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