

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

CODE OF CONDUCT

BE IMITATORS OF GOD, THEREFORE, AS DEARLY LOVED CHILDREN AND LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE, JUST AS CHRIST LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US AS A FRAGRANT OFFERING AND SACRIFICE TO GOD. BUT AMONG YOU THERE MUST NOT BE EVEN A HINT OF SEXUAL IMMORALITY, OR OF ANY KIND OF IMPURITY, OR OF GREED, BECAUSE THESE ARE IMPROPER FOR GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE. NOR SHOULD THERE BE OBSCENITY, FOOLISH TALK OR COARSE JOKING WHICH ARE OUT OF PLACE, BUT RATHER THANKSGIVING.

EPHESIANS 5:1-4

1. I will remember that I am representing Jesus Christ as well as Lutheran Church of the cross. I will model Jesus in my behavior and attitude.
2. I will refrain from the teaching or practice of beliefs that would be contrary to God's inspired word, the Bible.
3. I will accept the leadership authority of the team leader and abide by his/her decisions as they concern the mission trip.
4. I will remember that we have come to learn, as well as to teach. I'll resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "How we do things." I'll be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.
5. I will abstain from conduct, as requested by local missionary and team leaders, which might be offensive to others realizing that customs vary from culture to culture.
6. I understand that travel plans, food, and accommodations, especially to remote locations, can be difficult, and I promise to adopt a flexible attitude. I will be supportive as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team, unless prior arrangements are made.
7. I will respect the local people and their culture in all places and at all times.
8. I will wear modest apparel, as defined by the local missionary or team leader.
9. I will not swear or use profanity. I will not use insensitive humor, suggestive comments, or potentially offensive gestures.
10. I will refrain from any romantic or flirtatious activity with anyone other than my spouse for the duration of the mission trip.
11. I will not engage in inappropriate sexual behavior with anyone of the same or opposite gender.
12. I will refrain from illegal drugs.
13. We ask our team members to abstain from alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco in any form while on this trip. There may be exceptions based on culture or specific situations, this will be discussed by team leaders.
14. I will not possess any offensive weapons or fire arms of any kind.
15. I acknowledge that I will be sent home, at my own expense, if I do not adhere to this Code of Conduct at the exclusive discretion of my team leader.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____