

PASTORAL REFERENCE FORM (Please return to Celebrate Jesus Office)

Celebrate Jesus Inc.



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Dear Rev.

We are sending this reference to you as the Senior Pastor of *(applicant's name)* _____ who has applied to participate in a Celebrate Jesus Mission.

If you do not know the applicant well enough to give an informed reference or if he/she is related to you, please arrange for a trusted leader in your church who does know him/her to complete this reference and return it to our office. Please prayerfully respond to each question, back and front. All responses will be kept in strict confidence. Only those who will be making team assignments and the Team Leadership will have access to your response.

A Celebrate Jesus Mission is an evangelistic initiative designed to strengthen the local church, develop ministry skills in church and team members, and bring others to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. It is very important that those persons on the team are able to share their faith journey, model servanthood and cooperate in every aspect of the mission. Celebrate Jesus Missions are not designed to be rehabilitation or counseling centers for team members, though obedience to the Holy Spirit is primary when working with team members, church family or those outside the church.

Many of those who come to serve on a Celebrate Jesus Mission have found it a time of great personal and spiritual growth. Being on mission is often demanding and requires discipline, commitment and stamina. For this reason we need to know the applicant well - how they relate to others, do they model discipline and commitment, and are they physically able.

We are not looking particularly for gifted evangelists with lots of experience, but rather those who have a heart for the Lord and a willingness to commit themselves to the great commission of Matthew 28.

PLEASE NOTE: Celebrate Jesus is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We have asked each applicant, if they are able, to bring a personal love offering in addition to their application fee. We also ask the applicant to bring, if possible, a donation to Celebrate Jesus from their local Church.

Important: Please Print Legibly

(All information confidential.)

Name of Pastor: _____

Church: _____

Name of Approved Leader: _____ Home Phone: _____

(If the Sr. Pastor chooses not to fill out the form)

Church position held by Approved Leader: _____

Church Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State/Region: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Church Telephone: _____ FAX: _____

Please complete the other side of form.

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

It is important that the applicant have a relationship with Jesus. What evidence do you see of this relationship?

PLEASE GIVE SOME DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICANT:

Describe involvement in the life of the Church _____

Identify personal strengths _____

Describe their attitude toward sharing their faith with those who are not in the church (i.e. commitment to evangelism, reaching out to those who are hurt and lost). _____

<u>HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE APPLICANT ?</u>	
A cooperative team player	STRONG - 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 - WEAK
Response to Authority	COOPERATIVE - 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 - CHALLENGES
Stability and Maturity	DEPENDABLE - 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 - UNPREDICTABLE
Handling Conflict	STEADY - 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 - WAVERS

Share anything about the applicant that possibly could affect their participation (i.e. health issues, substance abuse, criminal convictions, etc.) _____

Share any reservations regarding the suitability of the applicant for this mission _____

PLEASE RATE THE APPLICANT'S SUITABILITY FOR A CELEBRATE JESUS MISSION

- A** - Solid candidate with leadership ability
- B** - Capable
- C** - Weak candidate, but with potential
- D** - Unsuitable

Approved Leader's Signature: _____ Date _____

Pastoral Signature: _____ Date _____