

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GROUP VOLUNTEERING

- 1. Groups must be members of (and in good standing with) either an Evangelical Church or an Evangelical Organization.**
- 2. Group members must have an ability to communicate their faith in Jesus Christ.**
- 3. Group members must have a genuine concern for the salvation of the souls and the spiritual welfare of Mission guests and clients.**
- 4. Groups must adhere to, agree with and sign the “Union Gospel Mission Doctrinal Statement of Faith” and the “Guidelines & Information for Groups” Policy.**
- 5. Group members must adhere to the Non-smoking and alcohol abstinence policy of the Mission while serving at the Mission.**

ACCEPTANCE AND APPOINTMENT AS A VOLUNTEER

No group may begin volunteering with Union Gospel Mission without proceeding through the proper channels. Applicants must fill out an application form, and be officially notified of acceptance by the Coordinator of Volunteers.

The Mission recognizes the value of volunteers and it's dependence on them, however Union Gospel Mission is under no obligation to accept any or all volunteer applicants. Acceptance is at the sole discretion of the Mission.

GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION FOR GROUPS

BEHAVIOUR

The Mission is home to the men (residents) who live here while going through our recovery program. Therefore, we appreciate when groups behave as though they were visiting in someone's home – no running, shouting etc.

Many of our residents have spent time in prison, some for serious offences. Youth need to be well supervised and stay on the main floor unless accompanied by staff or working in groups.

We also request that females do not have on-going communication with our residents once they have returned to their school or church. The men on our program need to stay focused on their recovery.

The residents have their own lounge, which is their living room. In that room they can watch television, play pool and read. Please instruct your group not to enter this area.

Finally, we want to be sensitive to the feelings of our residents and also the people who come to Union Gospel Mission for food etc., and for that reason we do not want them to feel that groups come here to stare. Encourage your people to smile, be friendly and strike up conversations. The people who come to our mission like to be treated with courtesy, warmth and dignity, just like anyone else.

DRESS

Advise your group to dress modestly and appropriately (no low tops, bare tummies, or overly tight fitting clothing). We ask that female guests not wear short shorts or mini skirts. Walking shorts are acceptable.

SCHEDULING

We appreciate your interest in the work of Union Gospel Mission and the fact that you want to expose your group to the needs and burdens of the inner city poor. We welcome the opportunity to educate and challenge you. We will do our best to schedule you at a time that is mutually convenient for you and for Union Gospel Mission. This will be done through the Coordinator of Volunteers after you have made contact. **Your day of volunteering will be confirmed upon UGM receiving the Group Ministries & Tours Application Form.** We ask that you restrict the number in your group to **15** people.



Group Ministries & Tours Application Form

Union Gospel Mission
P.O. Box 1073 Stn. Main, Winnipeg Mb. R3C 2X4
Telephone 943-9904 / Fax 942-7425
e-mail volunteer@gospelmission.ca

Name of Church or Organization _____

Address _____

City, Prov. & Postal Code _____

Name and Title of Contact Person _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Home _____ Church _____

Age Range of Group _____ Total Number in Group _____

How Many Adults Will Accompany Group? _____

Date of Proposed Visit _____

From _____ O'clock To _____

Purpose of Visit _____ Tour _____ Ministry _____

Expectations of Group _____

Opportunities

Attend Chapel Service
Pre-Chapel Ministry
Drop-In ministry (weekdays only)
Women's center (weekdays only)
Make Food Hampers

Wash Windows
Meal Prep
Outside Cleanup
Meal Clean-up
Odd Jobs

Clean Cupboards
Wash Walls
Wash Chairs
Clean Fridges & Coolers
Bag Buns/Donuts

*** Due to a reduced number of staff on evenings and weekends we can accept no more than 15 people at one time. Thank you.
Please return this form A.S.A.P. to confirm your placement.**

Important information for leaders attached.



UNION GOSPEL MISSION - STATEMENT OF FAITH

- A. We believe the Bible to be the Divinely Inspired and only Infallible and Inerrant Word of God (2 Tim 3:16-17).
- B. We believe in the Trinity of the Deity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal and coexistent from all Eternity, yet inscrutably one (1 John 5:7). We believe in the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matt 1:23) His Eternal Deity (1 John 1:1) and His perfect Humanity. We accept literally His miracles, His death upon the cross as the only atonement for sinners (1 Pet. 1:19) His glorious bodily resurrection and His ascension to the right hand of the Majesty on High (Rev. 1:18) and His promise to return in the air for His people and to establish His glorious Kingdom in righteousness (Heb 10:37)
- C. We believe man to be lost in his natural condition, at enmity with God and to die without Christ is to perish forever (John 8:24). We believe salvation to be through faith in Christ alone (Eph. 2:8; 3:5). We believe in the Resurrection of the saved to Life Eternal, and of the lost to Eternal Damnation (Matt. 25:46)
- D. We believe as an evangelical organization, we can work harmoniously with all those who hold the above fundamentals of the faith, and will not seek to promote personal or denominational distinctions which would be divisive to the unity of the Body of Christ as represented in the staff and Board of Directors.

I AM IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THIS STATEMENT OF FAITH.

SIGNED _____

I HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS STATEMENT OF FAITH _____

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF UNION GOSPEL MISSION AND CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION FORM IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

DATED _____

SIGNED _____

COMMENTS (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)
