

PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES

Application to Serve on a Team

Name _____ Preferred Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

Telephone (Home) _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Church you attend _____

Church activities you are currently involved with _____

When/where did you make your Pilgrimage/Cursillo/Emmaus weekend? _____

Previous Team Experience (Please list teams by number, when, where, jobs held, and talks given) _____

4th Day Community Activities (Reunion Groups, Ultreya, Palanca/Agape support, Day of Deeper Understanding, Mananitas, Closing, Agape Feast, Committees/Secretariat, etc.) _____

What gifts/talents do you have? _____

Do you play a musical instrument? If so, which one? _____

Why do you want to serve on a team? _____

Are there any special conditions (health, diet, etc.) requiring consideration if you serve? _____

Please sign below only after reading the other side of this form and prayerfully considering teaming.

Your Signature (Indicates your agreement to the reverse side of application)

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For Completion by TEAM Selection Committee:

Date Received: _____ Date Asked: _____

Applying and Being Selected For a TEAM

Your application to serve the Lord as a team member of a Pilgrimage weekend is welcomed. Probably the majority of us would like to serve on a team, and for most, it is a wonderful experience. However, before you make application to serve in this capacity, you are asked to consider the following factors about being selected and serving. Just as we say that Pilgrimage is not for everyone in our churches, serving on a team is not for everyone who attends a Pilgrimage/Cursillo/Emmaus weekend.

First, the goal of pilgrimage is to build up individuals to return to their environments and churches ready to serve and build up the kingdom of God. It follows, therefore, that team members should be active in their faith in worship and church activities. It is mathematically impossible for everyone to be selected. Each weekend, there are about twice as many new members to the Pilgrimage community produced as would be required for a future team. The committee responsible for selection of the teams earnestly tries to see that everyone has a turn, but it must work within certain guidelines. One of the guidelines is that a third of the team members should have previously served on a team once or twice and a few key leaders should have been on two or more teams. An effort is made to balance the number of individuals from any one church.

In addition to guidelines that the committee follows, there are factors to be considered. First, beyond the Spiritual Director, Lay Coordinator, Assistant Lay Coordinator, Music Director, and Head Cha, people are not assigned initially for specific jobs. **No one has the authority to promise you a particular responsibility. Everyone must be willing to serve in whatever capacity is needed.** This includes being willing to do a talk and serve in the capacity that the Lay Coordinator feels is best for you and the most beneficial to the team as a whole.

A team is made up of members of the pilgrimage community whose Fourth Day activities are such that they are able to witness to the participants in talks and table discussions; and are able to pass on the message of Pilgrimage and the Pilgrimage "method as originally intended by the founders and in accordance with" the guidelines provided by the Presbyterian Pilgrimage of the Presbytery of the James secretariat.

Each of us must take into account the physical and emotional demands that are sometimes encountered while serving on a team. The joy of teaming is there, but the work and strain are there also. Team members are routinely the first up in the morning and the last to bed at night. Working under pressure is also routine. Everyone on the team must carry his/her full load and be ready to pick up part of someone else's work when the unexpected happens--and it **always** does. Every team member must also be ready and able to share his/her faith and love with any and all of the others on the weekend, literally at any time.

A team member should be active in his/her Fourth Day before serving on a team. (Active participation includes activities such as reunioneing, attending Ultreyas, being active in a church, Fourth Day speaker, palanca support, attending Closing, Mananitas, helping with agape feast, sponsoring, etc.) A team member needs to be aware of the financial responsibility that is involved. The current cost of participating on the team is \$250.00. (A scholarship fund supported by Presbytery of the James and other contributors currently provides a scholarship for those team members who would find it a hardship to pay the full cost). Availability and sacrifice of time are real requirements for serving. If you accept a team assignment, you are making the commitment to meet as a team for six times before the weekend. The Lay Coordinator may chose to opt for six meetings with one being an overnight or all day meeting. If this method is chosen, one of the meetings is usually a talk meeting and is critical for all team members to attend. Team members are also expected to assist in weekend set-up for several hours prior to participants arriving. In addition, team members should plan on attending the ultreya just prior to the teaming weekend and the ultreya following the teaming weekend.

Again the joy and mountain top experiences are there, but so are the climbing and the giving. If you have decided that being a team member is not for you, there are any other areas of service in Pilgrimage. You may want to put more effort into palanca, serve on a committee, or fill other important jobs within the community that are essential to put on a successful Pilgrimage weekend. There is so much to be done that there is no limit to the opportunities for service. Being on a team may or may not be the best way you can serve --only you and God know this. If, after praying about it, your answer is yes, please complete and submit the application before the application deadline. Serving on a team will be a blessing, and you will be a blessing to others!