

**Mission Trip Application
Jamaica 2019
Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church**

Acceptance to be a member of a mission team is at the discretion of the
Youth Ministry Staff.

Date submitted _____

General Information

Personal Data

Name:

(as it appears or will appear on your passport) (First) (Middle) (Last)

Preferred Name:

Mailing Address: (Street)

(City, state, zip)

Telephone: (home) (work) (cell)

Email:

Gender: Female Male

Marital Status: Single Married

Age:

Grade:

*If under 18 years of age, please provide name(s) and contact information of parent(s) or guardian(s):

Passport Information

PLEASE INCLUDE A PHOTO COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT WITH THIS APPLICATION. If you do not have a current passport, when do you plan to apply? _____ If your passport will expire within 6 months of the return from the trip, please renew it immediately.

Passport Country and Number:

Date of Issue: / /
 Day Month Year

Issuing Authority:
(found in lower right corner)

Date of Expiration: / /
 Day Month Year

*expiration date must be at least 6 months past trip return date

Birthplace:

Birth Date: / /
 Day Month Year

Church Membership Information

Are you a member of Saxe Gotha? Yes No

In what ministries, volunteer work, or other church areas have you been involved?

Complete the information below only if you are NOT a member of Saxe Gotha.

Church where you are a member:

Pastor's Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Describe your relationship with Saxe Gotha (check all that apply):

- Regularly Attend
- Referred to Saxe Gotha by _____
- Former Member—dates of membership:

Medical / Emergency Information

General Health: Poor Good Excellent

Do you have any...?
Allergies?

Yes No
Explain: Food or drug allergies and reactions.

Dietary Restrictions?

Yes No
Explain:

Please note: As guests of a host ministry we are unlikely to be able to accommodate all dietary requests.

Physical Challenges?

Yes No
Explain:

Emotional Challenges?

Yes No
Explain:

Are you currently taking any medication(s)? Yes No

If yes, please list each medication (prescription and over the counter) and the corresponding conditions:

Name of your insurance company and their emergency contact number:

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name:
Relationship:
Telephone:
Email:

Date of your most recent tetanus shot: _____

Other vaccines you will need before this trip: (see trip brochure and list those you do not yet have)

Professional Experience, Interests, Skills, and Spiritual Gifts

To help us learn more about your experience, interests, and skills, please answer the following questions as completely and honestly as possible.

What are your greatest strengths?

What are your greatest weaknesses?

How do function as a part of a team in stressful situations? What roles do you find yourself assuming?

What are your major areas of study/interest?

Please write the appropriate code next to the skills/talents you possess.
Codes: 1- average 2- better than average 3- professional

Construction

Please specify:

Business

Please specify:

Medical

Please specify:

Photography/Journalism

Please specify:

Music

Please specify:

Ministry Experience

Teaching
Children's Ministry
Bible Study Leader
Other (please specify)

Other Skills/Talents & Comments:

We all have spiritual gifts to bring to a mission team and to another culture.

Use this activity to identify your spiritual gifts.

Code: 1- rarely true 2- sometimes true 3- frequently true 4 consistently true

- __ Administration: the gift which gives you the capability to understand the goals of a certain segment of ministry and then formulate, direct, and advise on plans to achieve a purpose.
- __ Encouragement: the ability to stand beside Christians in need-spiritually, physically, emotionally- and to offer comfort, counsel, and encouragement.
- __ Discernment: the ability to perceive God's will and purpose and to apply that understanding on behalf of the Global Church.
- __ Faith: the spiritual gift of extraordinary confidence in God's promises, power, and presence which encourages both stamina and bold action on behalf of God's work in the church.
- __ Intercession: the ability to engage in focused prayer that is constant and confident and which brings before God the needs and desires of the Global Church.
- __ Mercy: the gift with which you feel exceptional empathy and compassion for those in spiritual, physical and/or emotional need and are so moved to action.
- __ Serving/Helping: the gift that enables you to gladly bear another's burden and assist with their tasks, often behind the scenes.

Faith Statement

Please write a brief description of how you became a Christian and how you would characterize your Christian growth since then.

- I am not a believer, but I am open to learning and understanding more. Now, I consider myself:
- A Skeptic (doubting) A spectator (observing) A seeker (searching) Unsure (lacking confidence)

Why do you want to be involved in this trip?

What do you hope will happen in and through you on this trip?

What short-term mission trips have you participated in previously? (Please list dates, destinations, organization, purpose.)

Have you ever lived in or visited another country? If so, please describe your experience, including the country and dates.

References

Please list below three (3) people that we may contact who have known you for *at least* two years and who know your ministry abilities as well as your strengths and weaknesses. These people should be from outside your family, and the list should include at least two of the following:

1. Church leader who knows you well (excluding Saxe Gotha's missions leadership)
2. Teacher or employer
3. A friend who knows you well

	Name	Relationship	Telephone Number
1.			
2.			
3.			

Agreement and Release Form

I, _____, acknowledge and state the following: I have chosen to travel on the mission trip to _____ date of trip _____. I understand that an important component of my role as a mission-servant is to honor Jesus Christ through my participation in what God is doing through His Church around the world. I understand that only a *part* of my mission experience happens while on the trip. With this in mind, I agree to share my mission experience with others –both formally and informally - within the church community after returning from the trip. In this way, I will continue to share God’s message, educate others on our global partnerships, and help them understand Saxe Gotha’s vision for global ministry.

At all times I will remember that I am representing Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church and, more importantly, Jesus Christ. I will model Him in my behavior and attitude. I will keep in the forefront of my mind that I will be a guest in another country and that I will go principally to learn and to encourage, rather than to teach and to direct. With this in mind, I will respect the views, values and beliefs of my hosts and all nationals with whom I meet. I will be open to learning about other people’s methods, beliefs and ideas. I will develop and maintain a servant’s attitude toward all nationals and my teammates. During this trip I will abstain from use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs. I agree to abide by the policies, procedures and code of conduct of the trip, mission team and team leader. At all times, I will submit to, respect and trust the decisions of my team leader. Through all of these actions I will become a better Servant of Jesus Christ and will strengthen my relationship with Him.

I understand that this work may involve extreme climates, adverse working and/or living conditions, hard physical labor, heavy lifting or other strenuous activity. I understand that I am fully responsible for obtaining any immunizations recommended by the Health Department or that my personal doctor or I deem necessary. I understand that this work may subject me to health conditions and/or illnesses not commonly found in the United States. I understand that I am engaging in this project at my own risk. I release Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church and its constituent organizations, agents and employees, as well as our local host ministry / organization from any claims for personal injuries, illness, or property damage that I may suffer as a result of my participation on the trip.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of parent for minor _____

Date: _____

How Do I Pay For the Trip?

Dates for Payments:

October 25, 2018- **\$200 Deposit with application**

December 31, 2018 -\$300

February 28, 2019 -\$300

April 30, 2019- \$300

June 15, 2019- **Balance due**

On top of raising support on your own, we will be helping some of the activities that SGPC has scheduled like the Valentines Dinner and Mellow Mushroom Fundraiser. We will also provide a support letter for you to send to friends and family. We want students to take responsibility for their call to this trip and raise their share of the payments.

Many times in the past, members have also asked for students to come and do yardwork or chores around their homes, and have donated towards their trip in return. These opportunities are emailed out to everyone at the same time and spots are filled in order of response.

Confidential Financial Commitment Statement

Trip for which you are applying: ACE- Jamaica.

Total Cost of trip: \$1650

It should be understood by all short-term mission team members that they are responsible for 100% of the cost of their own trip - both through individual contributions and fundraising through letter solicitation.

With this in mind, I pledge to cover **100%** of the cost of my trip. I understand that Saxe Gotha church will help each team member by helping with some fundraising events. In order to receive support, I pledge my active participation in each required aspect of the annual Valentine's banquet as well as any other fund raising activities for missions.

I know that it is my responsibility to raise and/or pay the full cost of my portion of the trip by each of the prescribed deadlines set forth in the trip brochure.

I also understand that if I should decide to withdraw from the team after travel and/or team arrangements have already been made, I will be responsible for paying any costs incurred on my behalf.

Name (Please print)

Signature

Date

Parent's signature (if applicant is minor)

Please return your completed application along with a \$200.00 check made payable to
Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church to:

Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church
5503 Sunset Blvd.
Lexington, SC 29072