

List your travels outside of the United States, your experience in or with other cultures, and your education, background, and skill level in speaking Spanish.

Suggest ways you might be able to share this experience with other members of the La Crosse Area Synod once you are home (for example, with church or community groups).

References

Please include your pastor as one reference:

1. Pastor's Name _____

Congregation _____

Phone _____

Address _____

2. Name _____

Occupation _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Expectations for travelers

1. Timeline:
 - a. A completed application form by February 6, 2012;
 - b. Screening interview on Feb. 13, 14, or 15;
 - c. Group preparatory meetings prior to the trip
 - i. 5 – 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 11
 - ii. 5 – 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 22
 - iii. 5 – 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 13
 - iv. during June – August as needed
 - d. Commissioning during Synod Assembly at Luther College;
 - e. Contribute to ongoing education in the La Crosse Area Synod regarding Global Mission and our Companion Church after your return.
2. Flexibility, teamwork, good health (see note below), strong faith, a sense of humor, sensitivity to cross-cultural differences, and a willingness to serve as a representative of the La Crosse Area Synod and the ELCA.
3. Each traveler is expected to contribute a minimum of \$500 of the total travel costs (TBD) and to help secure sponsors for the group (you will be provided sponsorship letters and other helpful resources).
4. Secure a valid passport, vaccinations, spending money, and miscellaneous expenses.
5. Check that you have adequate health insurance. We encourage obtaining medical evacuation insurance for the duration of the trip. (This is not costly, and can be arranged through the group.)

Note: At the interview, please be prepared to discuss any health or family considerations that might affect your ability to travel. If there are health considerations, please submit a letter from your health care provider regarding any health and fitness issues that might be impacted by travel to an underdeveloped country.

I have prayerfully considered the opportunity to go to our Companion Church in Peru, and I understand and agree with the expectations listed above. I am interested in interviewing to be a member of your delegation.

Applicant signature

Date

Please mail this application by February 6, 2012, to:

La Crosse Area Synod
2301 South Avenue
La Crosse, WI 54601

Questions? Please contact:

Gregg Attleson, chair, Peru Companion Synod Subcommittee, at 608-735-4885 or attleson@mwt.net