

Risk Awareness and Travel Agreement For Mission Trips Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers

Preamble:

This agreement sets out the terms and conditions for people who are visiting Maryknoll mission sites outside the United States for short term service. For purposes of clarity, the terms Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers and Maryknoll Society, as applied in this document, are synonymous.

What follows are the terms and conditions for one to participate in this Maryknoll Society sponsored travel to and from an overseas mission country. These terms and conditions pertain to the trip itself and activities undertaken during your stay with Maryknoll in mission. They are written in the first person as your statement of understanding and agreement.

I understand:

- that I am a Volunteer and neither a member nor an employee of Maryknoll, the Maryknoll Society or the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers
- that as a participant on this trip, I will be perceived as representing Maryknoll, the Maryknoll Society and the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers and will therefore abide by the Code of Conduct I have received
- fully and appreciate that there are dangers, hazards, and perhaps some risks directly or inherently involved in the Maryknoll Society sponsored trip to another country that I wish to engage in including, but not limited to, death or injury by accident, disease, war, terrorist acts, weather conditions, inadequate or non-existent medical services and supplies, criminal activity and random acts of violence
- that the Maryknoll Society may not have medical personnel available during this trip and associated activities and I consent that Maryknoll personnel may authorize emergency medical treatment by others, if necessary
- that the Maryknoll Society is not requiring me to participate in the travel, the activity, or any adjunct activities of this Maryknoll sponsored trip as part of my vocational discernment or for any other reason
- that by sponsoring the trip, the Maryknoll Society does not guarantee transportation. I shall not hold the Maryknoll Society liable for any damages whatsoever resulting from the performance or delay in performance of any common carrier or other person providing transportation or services incidental thereto
- that as a participant on this trip, I am representing the Maryknoll Society and will do so to the best of my ability

I state:

- that I have no health-related reasons or problems, which could in any way, preclude or restrict my participation in this overseas mission exposure trip
- that I have adequate health insurance to cover me during the trip

I will:

- not hold the Maryknoll Society, its members, agents and/or employees liable for any personal injury, loss of life or damage of property sustained by me on this trip
- indemnify and hold the Maryknoll Society harmless from and against any and all judgments, claims, actions, damages, losses and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) which Maryknoll may sustain or incur by reason of suit or cause of action or any claim or demand made against it by any party with respect to me whether founded or unfounded and I waive any defense to the enforcement of any provision of this agreement arising from a lack of consideration and warrant that this commitment constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against me in accordance with its terms and this provision will survive the termination of my participation.
- fully obey all local, county, state, federal, and foreign country laws and ordinances while on this trip, and will also fully comply with the rules and regulations stipulated to me by the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers in charge of my program

I am responsible for myself. If I am hospitalized or incarcerated and said hospitalization or incarceration extends beyond the length of the trip, the Maryknoll Society will not be responsible for me, and no Maryknoll representative shall be obligated to remain with me.

I agree that, for just cause and at the sole discretion of the Maryknoll Society, the Maryknoll Society has the right to send me home from the trip early. I shall be responsible for my own transportation and expenses if any; for just cause and at the sole discretion of the Maryknoll Society in the event the Society exercises its right under this paragraph.

The person or persons designated by the Maryknoll Society as chaperones during my stay overseas shall be considered as in charge of the trip and their reasonable directives shall be fully obeyed at all times.

I realize it is my responsibility to be on time for all departures and if the transportation leaves without me, it is solely my own responsibility to find and pay for any alternative transportation I may need.

I certify that I have read this Risk Awareness and Travel Agreement completely and understand all the terms and conditions therein.

Participant Name (print) Date

Participant Name (signature)

Witness Date

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