

MISSION OUTREACH COUNCIL "HANDS THAT SERVE" 2023 PROGRAM

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

Mayfield Church's "Hands That Serve" program is the vehicle for church groups to promote mission and service activities to the congregation. Each month, one mission and/or outreach ministry is highlighted to the congregation. That group also has the opportunity to raise funds as part of their monthly activities. When considering applications, preference is given to mission activities that reach outside the local congregation and that involve direct involvement of members of the congregation.

Beginning in 2023, we will accept applications year-round. Applications will be considered at a Mission Outreach Council (MOC) meeting and, if approved, a future month will be assigned to the mission. In order to ensure that you get scheduled, please observe the following deadlines:

- All groups requesting months in the beginning of the year (Jan. – April 2023) OR who are planning mission trips need to submit applications by November 13, 2022.
- All groups who are requesting a specific month/time of year need to submit their applications at least four months in advance.

In November, the MOC will consider applications for the first half of the year. Remaining months will be assigned on a quarterly basis from the applications approved.

When filling out an application, the following rules apply:

1. The team agrees to publicize its ministry in the newsletter and on the website by providing a story of up to 350 words and a photograph by the 20th of the month before their month.
2. The team agrees to have a member present on the first Sunday of their month (or on the Sunday designated by the Worship committee) to address the congregation during worship. The team may provide a slide show or video during the four-minute presentation during offering.
3. The team may host a fellowship/fund-raising breakfast (typically on the second Sunday of the month) or host another fellowship-oriented event to help communicate their ministry to raise funds.
4. The team will set-up an information table in Fellowship Hall during the designated month.
5. The team may ask the congregation to collect items for their ministry. If the team collects items, they need to be in charge of the entire collection and pick up/clean up no later than the last day of the month.
6. If leading a mission or travel trip: the team agrees to submit a trip budget to the Missions Outreach Council for approval and to otherwise follow the guidelines set up for mission trips by Mayfield Church and the East Ohio Conference. "Hands That Serve" applications for Mission Trips should be submitted a minimum of 6 months in advance.

"Hands that Serve" Covenant / Application

Ministry Team: _____

Team Leader: _____

Phone & Email of Team Leader: _____

Please describe your mission/ministry and why you want to be a "Hands that Serve" focus: _____

(may be continued on back of paper)

Do you agree to the rules/expectations? ____ Yes ____ No