

Guide to Applying for Short-Term Service with the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada World Partners



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EMCC WP facilitates the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada in its missional task by promoting and providing opportunities for churches and individuals to participate in intentional, holistic ministry by sharing spiritual, human and material resources in cross-cultural and/or global contexts.

Short-Term Service (STS)

When an applicant has been approved for Short-Term Service, it means that they have been found to possess the skills, calling, competency, character and theological background necessary for effective short-term ministry with EMCC WP. The successful applicant has completed an application process with EMCC WP and will serve in a designated mission field for a limited term, from two months to two years in length.

Who is it for?

Short-Term Service opportunities are granted only to those individuals whose hearts are stirred to 'go and serve' in a cross-cultural global ministry; are members in good standing of an EMCC congregation; and, who are formally recommended in writing by the leadership of this same EMCC congregation.

* Please note – spouses of applicants are required to submit their own application form.

1. EMCC membership

Hold membership in good standing for not less than one year in a local Evangelical Missionary Church. If you are in process for membership and are from another denomination, the above requirement may be waived but you are expected to take immediate steps to membership.

2. Training and Ministry Preparation

Comprehensive knowledge of the Bible and solid working knowledge of EMCC doctrine. Proven record of ministry and service in your local church. Appropriate training specific to the chosen mission field.

3. Consultation with your local church pastor.

Contact your EMCC pastor to discuss your call to global ministry and your suitability for work in that area. Request a written recommendation from a) the pastor; and b) the church board.

4. Complete a Missionary Service Pre-Application Questionnaire

This questionnaire is a pre-screening tool to determine if you are a suitable applicant for EMCC WP Short-Term Service. Obtain the questionnaire via the EMCC website or by contacting the EMCC WP office.¹ Send the completed application to the EMCC WP office via mail or email.

5. Consultation with an EMCC WP Director

If you are deemed to be a suitable applicant, you will be contacted by an EMCC WP Director. Expect to discuss your conversion and your cross-cultural experience. You will be asked for a current resume; and two official written recommendations; one from the board of your local church² and one from your Pastor.

Standard Steps and Requirements

Follow this brochure as you complete your application. When all of the boxes have been check-marked you will know that you have met the basic requirements and have prepared and supplied everything for a complete application.

1. Hold EMCC membership
2. Possess sufficient training and ministry preparation for the field
3. Consult your local church pastor
4. Complete the Missionary Service Pre-Application Questionnaire
5. Consult with an EMCC WP Director
6. Complete a Short-Term Service Application Package
7. Receive approval by the EMCC WP Leadership Team

6. Complete an EMCC WP Short-Term Service Application Package

Upon successful contact with an EMCC WP Director and receipt of satisfactory documentation, you will be invited to become an applicant for Short-Term Service and you will receive an application package by mail or e-mail as you prefer.

Components of the Short-Term Service application package:

For preparation

- Short-Term Service Application
- Spouse's Short-Term Service Application if applicable

Additional Application Requirements³

- Review, and if in agreement, sign the Short-Term Service Missionary Covenant.
- Choose three references (see application) and send them the form supplied in your packet and request that they be filled out and sent to the EMCC WP Office.
- Complete Backcheck forms and contact the EMCC WP office for sending instructions.⁴
- Write a family and faith background and include a recent picture of yourself or of you and your family.

Send your completed application including spouses' application and all attachments to the EMCC WP office.

7. Receive approval from the EMCC WP Leadership Team

Upon receipt of all required documentation, the EMCC WP Leadership Team will review your application. You and your spouse may be requested to attend an interview. Those applicants who are given final approval will receive written confirmation.

What's Next?

Successful applicants are now **EMCC WP Short-Term Service Missionaries**

- You will work with an EMCC WP Director on field assignment and preparation
- A Short-Term Service contract will be developed for your assignment
- You will receive a Missionary Orientation Package⁵
- You will be authorized to contact EMCC Churches for support raising
- You are able to send in prayer requests for the EMCC weekly prayer bulletin

Endnotes

1. See the website at www.emcc.ca for contact information for the EMCC WP Director and information regarding Short-Term Service opportunities.
2. Recommendation of the church board must come by formal resolution of the board that is to be quoted in the letter.
3. These items are requested in the Short-Term Service Application. They are listed here to provide a realistic overview of the application process.
4. EMCC engages the services of Backcheck - a business that performs background checks. Your spouse is also required to apply. Contact the EMCC WP office for sending instructions asap so these can be processed while you complete the rest of your application. See the memo in your application package for the fee structure.
5. Missionary Orientation Package includes: commencement documents; EMCC WP Operations Manual; checklist to help prepare for the field.



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