



Has Jesus called you to serve in Africa?
Kitui Partnership Delegate Application
Partnership of the Archdiocese of St. Paul/ Minneapolis and Kitui, Kenya
June 28 - July 12, 2011

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Birth Date _____ Male ___ Female Parish _____ City _____

Phone (h) _____ (c) _____ Email _____

Use the back of pages, or attach sheets, if necessary.

Tell us about yourself: your personal history, your family, hobbies, etc.

Tell us about your education, special training, occupation/profession, special skills/talents/gifts.

___ Are you a 'cradle' Catholic? ___ Have you entered the Church through RCIA?
How have you expressed your faith in your life? Please describe your involvement in your parish or other pertinent activities.

How did you hear about the Kitui Partnership? If you heard a presentation about the partnership, give specifics as to when, where, etc.

Why are you interested in participating in this delegation visit? What are your personal hopes, expectations, or objectives for the trip?

What aspects of Kenyan life are of most interest to you?

Do you have any other cross-cultural experience within or outside the USA? If yes, please explain.

Describe any overseas travel experiences you have had, particularly mission trips to “developing” countries.

Describe your involvement to date with the Kitui Partnership.

What do you hope to bring back to tell friends, family, and your parish upon your return?

If selected as a delegate, you will be representing the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis in its partnership with the Diocese of Kitui. Our expectation is that participants in this trip will continue their involvement with the on-going activities of the partnership. The following questions reflect our interest in learning how you see your future involvement. If you feel you need further information about the partnership in order to answer these questions, **we urge you to attend an information meeting held at 7 pm on September 14, 2011**, at 328 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, or contact Mike Haasl at 651-291-4504 or Fidelis Lindner at 651-437-6083.

Upon your return, how do you see yourself furthering the relationship/partnership between the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis and the Diocese of Kitui?

The Kitui Partnership has 5 main Action Teams. After looking over the descriptions, please number your areas of interest, #1 being your first choice.

- Building Relationships** (responsible for development of 'full person' relationships with our partner; facilitates relationships between groups: youth-youth, women-women, etc.; oversees school-to-school partnerships)
- Strengthening Faith** (responsible for providing opportunities for partners to deepen their faith through mutual prayer, faith sharing and cross-cultural liturgical expression)
- Sharing Resources (includes Advocacy)** (responsible for the development of projects and activities that facilitate the beneficial exchange of financial and cultural assets between partnership principals; organizes opportunities for parishes to advocate for just global policies)
- Delegation Sending/Receiving Team** (responsible for planning and organizing Minnesota activities for delegation exchanges and small group visits or guests)
- Outreach & Communications** (responsible for the development and dissemination of educational, promotional and cultural information to archdiocesan parochial and public entities)

If chosen as a delegate, would be able to commit to becoming an Action Team member for a two year term? (Teams meet about 6 times a year) _____

How many hours per month could you commit to partnership work either at the Action Team level or at your parish? _____

Comments:

Do you have any special health concerns or special needs? Yes No
Explain.

What is your physical condition? This trip will require a significant amount of walking and often long rides in a crowded vehicle. The climatic environment is dry, hot (80's and 90's) and dusty. The accommodations and the diet will be very basic. Are there any aspects of your physical health which would be of concern regarding these or other similarly challenging physical situations?

Are you aware of anything in your background that could potentially cause a problem getting a passport or clearing immigration/customs at the airport? Yes No

Cost of the delegation trip will be approximately \$2300. Will you need assistance with ideas for funding this mission trip? Yes No

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REFERENCES

List references: 2 parish staff members and a parish acquaintance.

Name	Relationship	Phone	Known how long?

Note: The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis has enacted policies to deal with the problem of sexual abuse. To help protect children, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops have mandated background checks for all volunteers who come in contact with minors in Catholic parishes and schools. To be eligible to travel with the Kitui delegation, all participants must have completed Virtus Training and receive background checks. For those who are selected to travel with the delegation, the opportunities to receive Virtus training will be shared upon the participants' selection. Your training should be complete by January 14, 2011.

Please return the application form along with a \$150 deposit by **October 1st, 2010** to:

Mike Haasl
Center for Mission
328 W. Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102

If possible **also e-mail an electronic version** of your responses
to Mike Haasl at haaslm@archspm.org

A selected group of applicants will be called for interviews after October 10th. The Delegation Team will be determined by December 1st. Notification calls to applicants will then be made. **If you are not selected for the team, your deposit will be returned in full to you.** If you are accepted, beginning January 7, your deposit becomes non-refundable and is applied to the cost of your trip. These deposits are tax deductible. Travel insurance will be required.

Note: There will be a series of monthly orientation meetings (one per month) to prepare for this trip so that delegates may represent well the archdiocese and the partnership. All members of the Delegation Team are expected participate in all of the orientation sessions. The dates for these sessions will be determined at a later date with input from the delegates.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IF ANYTHING CHANGES REGARDING YOUR APPLICATION BETWEEN NOW AND THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIP, PLEASE DISCUSS THE SITUATION(S) WITH MIKE HAASL 651-291-4504 OR FIDELIS LINDNER 651-437-6083.