

Call for applications

*UEM South-South Volunteer Program
September 2017–August 2018*

**Applications are welcomed!
Closing date for submission is 15 July 2017**

The program

UEM has been running volunteer programs over the years, hereby promoting exchange for youths between member churches. In this framework, young Germans have been sent to church institutions in Africa and Asia under the North-South program. Recently also, young Africans have been sent to church institutions in Germany to volunteer for a year under the South- North program.

This year, we intend to continue with the South-South program involving youth in African and Asian churches. Therefore, youth from Africa and Asia will volunteer in Africa or Asia for one year in order to foster learning opportunities and promote intercultural exchange and sharing experiences with other Christians.

These volunteers will actively support the work in their hosting institution.

Available placements

In 2017/2018, 3 placements will be available in Africa and Asia.

Activities are manifold, depending on the activities of the hosting institution. They can be related to youth work, Sunday school, child care, elderly care or adult education. Applicants can indicate their preferences according to their skills, but should remain flexible with regard to their placement profile. The hosting congregations are geographically located in Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Rwanda, Tanzania, D R Congo, Botswana, Namibia and Cameroon.

Requirements

- ☞ You are available from August 2017 to August 2018*
- ☞ You are between 18-30 years old and have finished at least secondary school.*

- ☞ You are an active member of your home congregation, e.g. as Sunday school teacher, youth group leader or others.*
- ☞ You speak English fluently and are willing to learn the language of your hosting institution.*
- ☞ You are willing to serve and to work hard when required.*
- ☞ You have the readiness to go through good and difficult times.*
- ☞ You want to integrate into a congregation with a different cultural background from yours.*

Regulations

The regular working time is around 40 hours per week. All related expenses, e.g. flight, transfers, insurance, visa etc. will be covered by UEM.

*If you want to apply for this program, **please contact your church head office.***

*Note: All applications should be submitted to UEM in **Word or PDF Format exclusively** by your church head office and should consist of a:*

- 1) Completed application form;*
- 2) Curriculum Vitae;*
- 3) One-page motivation letter which explains why you want to participate in this program;*
- 4) Completed church endorsement form;*
- 5) Recommendation letter by a person who knows you and your skills well, e.g. pastor, teacher etc.*
- 6) A passport size photograph.*
- 7) Scanned latest passport (validity is at least 2 years – Aug. 2017-Aug. 2019)*

Your church will forward the (digital) applications of all suitable candidates to

- The UEM regional program officer at the UEM Asia Regional Office in Medan Indonesia, Rev. Homar Distajo, email: <Distajo-H@vemission.org> Tel: +62617332469, +6282227280130*
- **The latest date for submission of applications is 15 June 2017.***

A selection will be done by UEM. You will be informed immediately through your church whether you are one of the participants of this program in 2017.