

THE RESTORATION INITIATIVE FOR
CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

RESTORATION JOURNEYS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in serving in New Orleans during this difficult time. We are thankful for your partnership in carrying out the work of restoration God has called us to in this incredible city!

Restoration Journeys is a part of a larger nonprofit, The Restoration Initiative for Culture and Community, and each part of The RICC has the same vision: to see wholistically thriving communities cultivating peace in a more just and caring world. Each component of The RICC accomplishes this by creating environments and solutions that expand possibilities, cultivate character, and restore relationships of individuals, groups, and families.

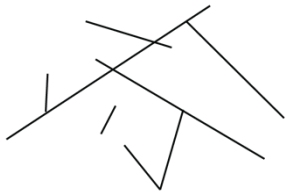
In order to best serve our Emergency Response teams and the people of New Orleans and surrounding areas in both the short and long term, please carefully read through the following policies in place for use of our housing during this time. Please pay special attention to our COVID guidelines regarding teams. At this time, we can house a maximum of 25 people.

Our housing (within Canal Street Church at 4302 Canal Street, New Orleans 70119) includes 5 air-conditioned dorm-style rooms fitted with twin-sized bunk beds, twin-sized air mattresses, restrooms, and showers. Individuals should bring their own bedding (including pillows) and towels. **These items will not be provided by Restoration Journeys or any of its partner entities.**

To utilize this housing, please fill out and return the two-page RESTORATION JOURNEYS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM APPLICATION. Upon arrival, each participant must turn in the signed waivers and forms included in this packet (must be notarized for any participant under the age of 18). Each team must also turn in a refundable \$100 group housing deposit that will be returned upon departure, less any charges for damages/lost keys.

We are grateful for your willingness to come alongside the people of South Louisiana!

Grace and peace,
Sarah Barnett
Missiologist, Restoration Journeys Director



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**RESTORATION JOURNEYS EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM APPLICATION**

Please complete and return to: sarah@thericc.org or mail to ~~P.O. Box 791284, New Orleans LA 70119~~

Church/Group Name: _____

Church/Group Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____ Position: _____

P. Contact Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Alternate Contact Name: _____ Position: _____

Alt. Contact's Phone: _____ Alt. Contact's E-Mail: _____

Approximate Number of Participants: _____ (MAXIMUM OF 25 PEOPLE ALLOWED)

Group Type (Check):

- ~~Youth Group (Jr High upon approval)~~ College Group
- Youth Group (High School) Adult Group

Dates Requested: ARRIVAL DATE: _____ -- DEPARTURE DATE: _____

Have you been to Restoration Journey before? (Circle) No Yes If yes, when? _____

How did you hear about us? (Check)

- Restoration Initiative Website Conference: _____ Word of Mouth
- Restoration Initiative Email Denomination Meeting: _____ Other (Please explain)
- Brochure _____

We have provided a checklist to assist you in the application process. Mark the boxes as each is completed.

- I have read and understand this packet.
- I have confirmed the dates to attend Restoration Journeys New Orleans.
- I have listed an approximate number of participants that will attend.

I have fully read the registration packet and completed the registration forms. I agree to the terms of the Restoration Journeys Policies and COVID Guidelines. I understand that a Restoration Journeys experience will require both physical and spiritual preparation. I understand the urgency to fulfill our ministry assignment. I also understand the need for flexibility in our assignments, as they may need to be adapted at any time.

Group Leader Signature

Pastor's/Director's Signature (Required)

Have you or any members of your group previously participated in a missions project? Yes No
If yes, where & when: _____

Have you personally led a mission trip? Yes No If yes, where & when? _____

How did it impact the field, your church, and you? _____

Why would you like to serve in the New Orleans area? _____

What is urban missions and how do you feel your group will respond to the urban setting? _____

Are there any adult leaders in your group who are licensed contractors? Yes No

What do you feel are the strengths of your mission group? _____

Please list any special skills or giftings your group members have: _____

RESTORATION JOURNEYS WAIVER AND COVID GUIDELINES

I hereby agree to the following provisions: (a) waiving all liability as against The Restoration Initiative for Culture and Community (RICC), its officers and directors, and all employees, volunteers, agents, and departments of The RICC, including but not limited to RICC, Restoration Journeys (RJ), and Mosaic Community Churches (MCC).

1. I have applied for and been accepted by RICC to participate as a volunteer in a Restoration Journeys trip in partnership with The RICC.
2. I represent to RICC that I have undertaken all necessary preparations in order to participate in the RJ, including any physical examination or medical assessment that I deem necessary and obtaining all immunizations that are required or that I desire. I further represent to RICC that I am healthy, in good physical condition, and able to undertake this RJ safely.
3. I have been informed and acknowledge that this RJ may involve substantial risks to my health and safety as well as the safety of my property and personal belongings. These risks include, but are not limited to, risks inherent to international travel such as accident, delay, diversion, lost or stolen luggage and personal belongings. These risks also include, but are not limited to, such things as illness, injury, animal attack, severe weather, civil or political unrest, war, criminal activity and terrorism.
4. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEITHER RICC, RJ, MCC NOR THEIR PARTNERS HAS ANY INSURANCE THAT WOULD COVER ANY INJURIES OR LOSSES THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS RJ.
5. I hereby agree to waive and hold The RICC, RJ, AND MCC Ministries and Personnel absolutely harmless from any liability or legal responsibility of any kind whatsoever under the laws of the United States of America, the laws of the State of Louisiana or any other State, or the laws of any other country that may be alleged to apply, for any and all injury or loss that I sustain by way of bodily injury, illness, death, loss of property or otherwise that occurs during or in connection with this RJ from all risks that arise therefrom, including, but not limited to, those risks specifically mentioned herein. I understand that by signing this agreement that I will not be able to recover any monetary compensation whatsoever from RICC AND MCC Ministries and Personnel by way of suit or settlement for injuries or losses that are described herein. I also agree that, in the event any claim, suit or other proceeding is brought against RICC, RJ, AND MCC Ministries and Personnel seeking to recover damages for any such injuries, I will indemnify and hold The RICC, RJ, AND MCC absolutely harmless for all costs and expenses incurred in defense of such a suit.
6. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold The RICC, RJ, and MCC Ministries and Personnel absolutely harmless from any liability or loss whatsoever arising out of my participation in this RJ, including any actions on my part which are alleged to create a liability to any third person, including other participants in the RJ.
7. I understand that as a participant of the RJ program, I/my child may be photographed or videotaped during normal RJ activities, and I give my permission for RJ or any of its agencies to use pictures, videos, or audio obtained during the mission experience in

promotional or other materials as deemed necessary. Check here to revoke that permission: I revoke my permission

8. In regards to COVID-19, by signing below, you acknowledge the following:

- I have been informed of and read all pertinent guidelines provided by Restoration Journeys (see attached documents).
- I affirm that no one in my household has had any known symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- I affirm that, to my knowledge, no one in my household has been exposed to any person with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- I agree to immediately inform the trip leader if anyone in my household is exposed to or exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19.
- I will strictly adhere to the COVID-19 safety guidelines of the CDC, LDH and Restoration Journeys.
- I will take all necessary precautions for myself and anyone living in my household to protect against COVID-19.
- I acknowledge that Restoration Journeys is not responsible to provide financial or physical assistance if quarantining is required while on the trip.
- I understand that should I exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 while on the trip, I must leave the Restoration Journeys facility and quarantine until receiving a negative result of a COVID test.
- I acknowledge that, by its nature, COVID-19 may be passed from one person to another despite extensive sanitation efforts.

I acknowledge I have been informed of the above _____ (initials)

I decline to be informed and acknowledge the above _____ (initials)

Restoration Journeys Covid Guidelines

The Restoration Journeys staff will abide by the policies of local, state, and federal authorities in regards to standards and regulations for our trip participants.

The Restoration Journeys staff will do the following:

- Train our staff on necessary preventative health and safety protocols, as well as a plan for handling symptoms or exposure identified within a team.
- Perform daily health screenings and temperature checks on staff members, requiring anyone not feeling well to seek medical attention and be quarantined, if becoming ill.
- Provide necessary supplies for common/shared spaces including but not limited to hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant cleaner, extra face masks, etc.
- Perform routine cleaning on a daily basis, in addition to those services provided by our location contacts to all meeting spaces and all equipment and supplies used.
- Make adjustments to our schedule and programming in an effort to ensure a safe and healthy trip environment. We are also evaluating all areas of programming to make sure activities are appropriately social distanced, without contact and using single use or easily sanitized items.

At a minimum, we will ask all trip participants (students/leaders/chaperones) to abide by the following guidelines:

- Pass a simple questionnaire and temperature check before leaving for the Restoration Journeys experience, upon arriving at the Restoration Journeys facilities, and on a daily basis during the trip.
- If a trip participant exhibits any of the following symptoms, they must immediately quarantine away from the Restoration Journeys facility and cannot rejoin their team until receiving a negative Covid test result:
 - Temperature of 100.4 degrees F or greater
 - Shortness of breath
 - Lost of taste and/or smell
 - Excessive cough
 - Nausea
 - Diarrhea
- While attending the Restoration Journeys experience, maintain social distancing (at least 6') from other individuals whenever possible.
- Each participant must have an appropriate face covering with them at all times, should the need for one arise. Restoration Journeys will not provide face coverings but will have them available for purchase on site. If you are medically exempt from wearing a mask, we ask that you wear a face shield or similar approved face covering. We also recommend that you carry proof of that medical exemption while on the trip.
- Be respectful and intentional about protecting your own health and that of others.

- Engage in enhanced hygiene practices such as regular hand washing and use of hand sanitizer.
- Comply with staff member instructions and requests related to the expectations above.

Disclaimer: The above guidelines are subject to change. Our goal is to provide regular COVID updates, so be sure to check back on a regular basis.

To the extent any portion of this Agreement is deemed invalid or in violation of public policy or law, by final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Volunteer Name Printed

Date

Volunteer Signature (Parent Signature if under 18)

Church Name, City, & State

*****Notarization & guardian signature required if participant is under 18 years of age*****

Be it known, that on this _____ day of the month of _____, 20_____, before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the foregoing document and who signed said document before me, and who acknowledged in my presence that he/she/they signed the above and foregoing document as his/her/their own free act and deed and for the uses and purposes therein set forth and apparent. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the state that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

Restoration Journeys Team Policies

Updated 5/18/2021

Background Checks

- Each Restoration Journeys (RJ) group must provide written documentation that each team member 18 years of age or older has been screened and approved through the sending church/organization's child protection program and have verification of such screening.
- The group leader must also sign the RJ-provided Child Protection Program form, certifying that this screening has been done. These signed forms will be sent to the RJ staff prior to the group's arrival or presented upon arrival.
- The group leader must also bring copies of the completed background checks with him or her when coming on a Restoration Journeys trip. The RJ staff will not keep these copies, but they must have access to the copies for licensing requirements by the state of Louisiana.

Chaperone Requirements

- If a group includes both male and female minors, both male and female chaperones (age 18 and above and at least one year removed from high school) must be present on the trip.
- Groups should have at least one adult leader for every six minors.
- Female chaperones will stay in the designated female dorm space with female trip participants, and male chaperones will stay in the designated male dorm space with male trip participants.
- While attending a Restoration Journeys trip, a chaperone will not be alone with a minor behind closed doors or in a vehicle. If a private conversation, prayer time, discipleship, etc. is necessary, do so in a visible place.

Housing Code of Conduct

- Groups must stagger their shower schedule, setting a specific time for males to shower and then setting a different time for females to shower. When shower space is in use, the shower door window will remain covered.
- Trip participants of the opposite sex shall not be in bathroom, shower, or dorm space together.
- No phones or cameras of any kind are allowed in the shower area.
- Trip participants should be fully clothed when outside of their specific dorm room, absolutely no exceptions.
- On Sundays, dorm, shower, and upstairs bathroom space is off limits to RJ teams from 9:15am to 12:15pm because of church activities and worship.
- A private residence exists between the dorm rooms. The resident is a caretaker for Canal Street Church building and grounds. The resident uses the shower and bathroom spaces that RJ teams use. The resident is not permitted in the RJ team dorm rooms, and no RJ team member is permitted in the resident's room. The resident will be aware of the RJ team's shower schedule to prevent overlap. There will be a sign notifying RJ teams if the shower is in use by resident. Please show respect to the resident by not using the shower space when that sign is in place.
- When leaving dorm rooms, groups should lock the dorm room doors.

**RESTORATION JOURNEYS, THE RESTORATION INITIATIVE, AND MOSAIC
COMMUNITY CHURCHES AND THEIR ENTITIES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST
OR STOLEN GOODS.**

Canal Street Church Property Code of Conduct

- RJ team participants should treat the Canal Street Church property with respect. This includes cleaning up after meals, keeping dorm spaces, showers, and bathrooms neat and orderly, and not causing physical damage to the property.
- RJ team members may not be present in the hallways or classrooms of the Mid-City Early Learning Center during daycare hours (weekdays, 7:30am-5:30pm). Any disregard for this rule may result in immediate expulsion without reimbursement.
- When entering the building, RJ groups should use their provided keycard to enter through the door at the Education Entrance. If a group needs to access the Fellowship Hall, Parlor, or Kitchen, they should use the Education Entrance staircase, go through the dorm area and Gym, and down the Gym staircase to access those areas.
- Exterior doors and interior metal doors **should not** be propped open at any point.
- Minors (children under the age of 18) are not allowed in the kitchen unless accompanied by an adult.

Interaction with Children

Our RJ teams are expected to adhere to the following rules when interacting with minors, both those within their team and those they interact with otherwise:

Photos, Video, Social Media

- RJ teams are allowed to take photos and videos of their own team members and post on social media at the discretion of the RJ group leaders.
- Group leaders may take wide-angle photos and video of RJ team members interacting with children, but close-up and/or individual photos or videos should not be taken. Many of the children in our programs are part of the foster care system and cannot be photographed or videoed for their safety.
- RJ team members should not take photos and/or videos of or with children they are serving.
- The RJ staff will take photos and video throughout the trip, and they can supply groups with appropriate material at the end of the trip if the group requests.

Physical Touch

As a Restoration Journeys team, we want to be mindful of the individuals with whom we are working. Each person has a different background, story, and sensory sensitivities of which we need to be respectful. This also applies to the minors within a Restoration Journeys team.

- Appropriate physical touch is healthy. However, there is obvious danger with inappropriate touch or affection either intentionally or inadvertently in a ministry to children and youth.
- Physical contact with children should be age, developmentally, and culturally appropriate. Be aware of and sensitive to differences in sexual development, cultural

differences, family backgrounds, individual personalities, and special needs. The following guidelines are to be promoted for pure, genuine, and positive, displays of God's love:

- ALL physical affection needs to be in the presence of other workers.
- Physical touch or affection should be brief in nature, and never on a child's private parts.
- Preteen and older girls should be hugged from the side.
- Kids on laps should be sitting on legs, not straddled over adult private areas.
- When approached by a child physically, do not reject the child, but guide their affection to an appropriate contact. Hugs are easily shifted, as are misplaced hands. When a child touches an adult in an inappropriate way unintentionally, no reference to is should be made to the child. Simply redirect the hand or body. If intentional, simply correct with the same tone as any other correction and then move on. Do not make a big issue of it.

Please note that the staff members of Restoration Journeys, The Restoration Initiative, and Canal Street Church are mandatory reporters, and as such, they are legally required to ensure a report is made when abuse of children, the disabled, or the elderly is observed or suspected. Should a report need to be made, the RJ team leader will also be notified.

I have fully read the Restoration Journeys Trip Policies. I understand that should anyone in my group not adhere to any of these policies, that person or the entire group may be subject to expulsion without refund of trip costs.

Group Leader Signature

Date

Printed Name

CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

Restoration Initiative and Mosaic Community Churches are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all children and youth that may participate in our programs. All churches/organizations that bring children, youth and adults to work in our Restoration Journeys program are expected to have a proper and adequate child protection program in place and in use for screening and protection against child abuse. All adult chaperones, leaders and participants 18 years and older must have been screened and approved through your church/organization's child protection program and have verification of such screening. This screening should include, but is not limited to, performing a background check on each trip team member who is at least 18 years old. By signing this document, you are certifying the following:

- That your church/organization has an ongoing child protection program in place for screening and protecting against child abuse and that the program is being enforced
- That you have performed a background check on each trip member who is at least 18 years old
- That you have thoroughly read through the Restoration Journeys Team Policies.

Please make sure the group leader brings copies of background checks with them. We will not keep copies but must have them accessible for Licensing requirements by the State of Louisiana.

Group Leader Signature

Date

Name of: Organization, Church, Group

ALLERGY/SPECIAL MEAL REQUEST INFO

This information is NOT required for each participant. This sheet should only be completed for each participant who has severe allergies (i.e. latex) and/or special dietary needs. Please note that completing this card does not guarantee that we will be able to accommodate extremely limiting food allergies or diet requests. We will notify the participant/participant's parent/guardian if we are unable to honor the request.

GROUP/CHURCH NAME: _____

GROUP/CHURCH LEADER NAME: _____

START DATE OF WEEK ATTENDING: ____/____/____

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

AGE: _____

PARTICIPANT PHONE (only if participant is 18 or older): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (if participant is under 18): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE (if participant is under 18): _____

Please provide a specific description of what special food provisions are needed. Also, please list allergies (food or otherwise) if applicable:

RELEASE OF RIGHTS

We live in a world that is full of rights. Our particular culture is one where we take pride in our rights. As a matter of fact, the rights of individuals are constitutional! As we see the demanding of individual rights increase, we see much of the moral fiber of our society decrease. Our Lord Jesus Christ laid down his rights and all His glory, to the heavens, to become a man and to serve, not to be served. (Phil 2:5-11 and Mark 10:45)

We ask you to consider laying down your rights on this mission trip. Not to lay them down for better or for worse, but to entrust them to the Lord or transfer the responsibility of them to a place of safe keeping. These rights may seem reasonable but on a short-term mission trip they could cause dissension. **Would you take time to search your heart and consider your willingness to surrender your rights to the Lord?**

Romans 12:1

I GIVE UP MY RIGHT TO:

A comfortable bed
Having familiar food
Dressing fashionably
Seeing results.
Control of myself
Control of others
Control of circumstances

Having pleasant circumstances
Making decisions
Taking up offense
Being successful
Being understood
Being heard
Being right

I ENTRUST TO GOD:

My strength and endurance
My likes and dislikes of food
My security in Him
His purposes and fruit in His timing
My need for His Spirit control
His workmanship in others
My circumstances to His purposes in making me Christ-like

The privilege of suffering for His sake
His sovereign hand on my life
My deepest needs
My security in His love
My reputation
My need for recognition
My need for His righteousness

I give God permission to do anything He wishes to me, with me, in me, or through me that would glorify Him.

Signature

Date