

Restoration Journeys

2022 Info & Registration Packet

Thank you for your interest in serving in New Orleans through Restoration Journeys. 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.

When you serve through Restoration Journeys, you have the opportunity to learn in tangible ways how this work of restoration is carried out, and you get to be a part of that right here in New Orleans! We know that God has a heart for our city and a passion to see lives and relationships be restored – as we see in Colossians 1, He is reconciling all things to Himself!

So as you look at the checklists and fill out the forms, please do not miss the heart and passion of our mission. How do we live out our calling as followers of Christ and as part of the Body, day in and day out? We look to the One who is reconciling all things to Himself, and we join in that work of reconciliation! We are so glad that you want to be a part of that too!

Grace and peace,
Sarah Barnett
Missiologist, Restoration Journeys Director

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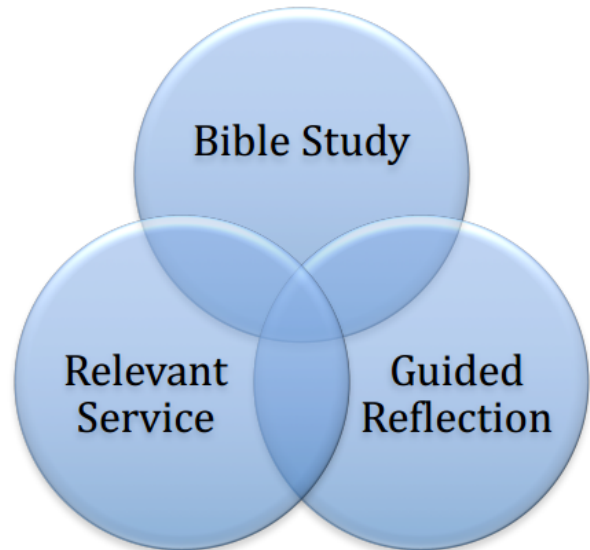
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WHAT TO EXPECT

A Restoration Journeys trip is about creating environments where people of differing backgrounds confront their broken relationships and cooperate with God's mission in the world. This will be accomplished by three things: *Bible Study, Relevant Service, and Guided Reflection.*

These Journeys are mission trips in the sense that we are seeking conversion. Conversion goes beyond a prayer for us. It moves through the life of people changing everything. We don't assume that friends in our community are the ones with all the problems (spiritually, economically, culturally or otherwise) and that we have the answers.



So we do not provide mission trips in the sense that outsiders come in to help and save others in poor neighborhoods. Rather, it's about recognizing that the privilege of some and the poverty of others are connected through complex histories and injustices. We unpack that complexity so that we can better understand one another and reveal the poverty and gifts in each one of us. That makes it just as much a camp or a school for formation as much as it's a mission trip since we are learners rather than teachers.

It's from this place of mutual brokenness that we help one another move toward Jesus Christ the one who saves and refurbishes us with an imagination for life in our world as it is truly meant to be.

Waiting in line becomes a chance to share Jesus. Sitting through traffic becomes a quiet time. Listening to people share their story becomes a chance to encourage one another and learn a new culture and grow relationally. Coping with schedule changes and the unknown becomes an opportunity to trust the Spirit. No one knows what God will bring your way or ask you to do.

Be ready for the unexpected by eliminating preconceived expectations. Your success on a Restoration Journeys trip is truly measured by your willing spirit and your open mind to enable wonderful engagements between you, your team members, and the people of New Orleans. Our hope is that you will live every moment as a conduit for Christ.

RESTORATION JOURNEYS BASICS

Who can participate in a Restoration Journeys experience?

Restoration Journeys trips are designed for and tailored to those ready to have their perspectives challenged and their worldviews broadened. It's our belief that to get the most from an RJ experience, team members need to have prayerfully walked through the training materials provided by the RJ staff and have prepared themselves to surrender their trip to the Lord.

AGE/RATIO RESTRICTIONS

If any RJ participant is under the age of 12, they must be accompanied on the trip and supervised by his or her parent/legal guardian.

Because of the demands of some of our ministry projects, please discuss PRIOR TO YOUR TRIP if you have any participants who have not yet completed 9th grade.

We ask that teams with minors bring a ratio of at least 1 adult leader for every 6 minors. If the team is made up of both males and females, there must be male and female leaders on the trip as well.

DORM ACCESSIBILITY

Please keep in mind that our dorm area is on the second floor of our building, and it is only accessible by stairs. Showers are not walk-in showers but do have a low profile and removable stools.

Typical Weekly Schedule

The following is basic example of a typical Restoration Journeys day. A detailed day-by-day schedule will be provided.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MON-THUR	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3-5pm Check-in	Breakfast	Devotions/Prayer	Devotions/Prayer	Departure Cleaning
Dinner	Worship	Breakfast	Breakfast	Checkout by 9am
7pm Orientation*	Lunch	Work Day	Work Day	
	City tour/training	Dinner	Free Time	
	Dinner	Evening Program	Dinner <u>ON OWN</u>	

Quiet Time/Gym Closed is at 10pm.

**The orientation times are mandatory for your group. These are crucial parts of making sure your week goes smoothly.*

Program Details

The cost per person is \$300. The following is provided:

- Six or seven nights lodging (Sat. night-Thur. night or Sat. night-Fri. night, depending on time of year) in dormitory space (bunk beds or twin-sized air mattresses; bring own linens & towels)
- Dinner on arrival day; breakfast, lunch, and dinner Sunday through Thursday; breakfast and lunch Friday
- Ministry site assignments that match the skill levels of your group and needs in the city
- Professional staff to facilitate your experience
- Staff-led worship & devotion events
- Preparation materials designed to spiritually prepare your group for missions in our city
- Wi-fi access
- A Restoration Journeys t-shirt

PLEASE NOTE: While we accept teams smaller than 10, the minimum total cost for any group is \$3000 to cover administrative, planning, and facility costs.

DEADLINES & DEPOSIT POLICY

WHEN YOU SIGN UP

- Complete application form.
- \$100 per group deposit (NONREFUNDABLE)
 - o This deposit confirms your week with Restoration Journeys. Until this payment has been received, no spots can be reserved. This deposit is nonrefundable. This can be paid by check or by online credit card payment*

12 WEEKS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- \$75 per person payment (NONREFUNDABLE, transferrable*)
 - o If someone has decided to cancel his or her trip, we cannot refund the deposit paid at this point, but we can apply those funds to the group's remaining trip balance. This can be paid by mailed check or by online credit card payment*

8 WEEKS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- Signed Child Protection Program form
 - o Each group **MUST** submit this form, and each person **18 and older** must have completed a background check. If this is not a feasible undertaking for a group, we will provide training and a background check for each adult at an additional cost. We need the Child Protection Program form, and trip leaders need to carry background checks with them on the trip.
- Allergy information
- Team t-shirt sizes (link to form will be emailed to group leader)
- \$75 per person payment (NONREFUNDABLE, transferrable*)
 - o If someone has decided to cancel his or her trip, we cannot refund the deposit paid at this point, but we can apply those funds to the group's remaining trip balance. This can be paid by mailed check or by online credit card payment*

2 WEEKS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- Updated team t-shirt sizes sheet
- Signed RICC Release of Rights for each participant
- Final payment
 - o This can be paid by check or by online credit card payment*

UPON ARRIVAL

- Original Restoration Journeys Waiver for each participant (**MUST** be signed by parent or legal guardian **AND** notarized for any volunteer under the age of 18)
- Any remaining signed RICC Release of Rights
- Outstanding balance payment
 - o This can be paid by check or by online credit card payment*
- \$100 group housing deposit
 - o A \$100 deposit is due upon arrival. The deposit will be returned at departure, less any charges for equipment/room/property damages. This is payable by check, cash, or credit card*

***ONLINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS INCUR A 3% SERVICE FEE**

**Any mailed payments must be postmarked by the due date.
Checks should be made out to The Restoration Initiative and mailed to:
Restoration Journeys
P.O. Box 791284
New Orleans, LA 70119**

Missed Deadline Policy

If your group registers after one or several of the deadlines above have passed, all items that were due at those deadlines will be due at the time of registration. Failure to meet deadlines for any of the above deposits or materials listed may result in a \$100 late fee for each deposit missed, forfeiture of some of your group's spots, and/or cancellation of your trip.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Much of what you will be assigned will relate to the skills of your team members, so **please be sure to tell us about any particular skills/giftings in your registration forms.** We will use this information to plan work according to your skills, however please be flexible and willing to do whatever is needed when you come. You will not be asked to do something that we cannot equip you to do.

Potential Ways to Serve

- Help support our church planting partners in a variety of ways
- Children and family programming
- Helping with meal preparation or clean-up
- Maintenance of the church facilities
- Prayer walks for the area of church plants
- Food insecurity ministry
- Anti-trafficking ministry
- There is an ongoing need for people with the gift of serving, evangelism and empathy
- Administrative work for The Restoration Initiative and/or Mosaic Ministries
- Other needs as determined

Remember that ministry can look different day to day (and sometimes even minute by minute!), and our task is to remain fluid and open to how the Holy Spirit moves. We plan and prepare, and then we offer up those plans to the Lord with a loose grasp and open hearts!

PACKING LIST

Guidelines:

1. Please pack lightly. There is a Super Wal-Mart within 10 minutes of the church if you forget anything!
2. Our dress code is not a commentary on character or personhood, but instead it is a standard that we can uphold across the board. This applies to both males and females. The RICC staff reserves the right to require Restoration Journeys participants (chaperones, leaders, and students) to change clothing if something is deemed inappropriate.
 - a. Fingertip length shorts, front and back (running shorts that swoop up on the sides are fine if they meet this standard)
 - b. No clothing with political campaign slogans, any advertisements for alcohol, tobacco, or drugs, or any derogatory messages as defined by RICC staff (*i.e. Confederate flags, racial slurs, etc.*)
 - c. Proper attire outside of dorm rooms (undergarments covered, shirts and pants/shorts/skirts on, shoes worn)
 - d. Closed toe shoes must be worn at work sites

Everyone on the team should DEFINITELY bring:

- Bible
- Covid-appropriate face mask
- Personal sized hand sanitizer
- Towels
- Pillow
- Twin size sheets and blankets
- Toiletries
 - Soap
 - Shampoo/conditioner
 - Deodorant
 - Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer
- Insect repellent
- Work clothes
 - Long sleeved clothing for Dec.-Apr.
 - Long pants for certain work projects (such as demo or framing)
 - Work shoes (steel toed for construction is best; closed toed for other work sites)
 - There are no available laundry facilities on site.
- Casual clothes for evening times and traveling
- Sweater, sweatshirt, or light jacket in season
- Modest sleepwear
- Raingear
- Hat
- Versatile walking shoes
- Flip flops for showers
- **A FLEXIBLE AND SERVANT-LIKE HEART AND ATTITUDE!**

Everyone should consider bringing:

- Earplugs (for quiet sleeping!)
- Laptop/tablet (Wi-Fi available)
- Gift cards for donations to the ministry from Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart, etc.

Leaders should also bring:

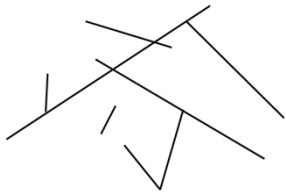
- RJ waivers (for EVERYONE in your group, including adults)
- Signed RICC Release of Rights
- \$100 group housing deposit
- Any extra supplies/tools your team will be using at your ministry sites (as previously discussed with RJ staff)

What your group SHOULD NOT BRING:

- Alcohol
- Illegal substances
- Firearms
- Fireworks
- Dangerous weapons
- Clothing that advertises alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs
- Clothing that explicitly or implicitly promotes racism, sexism, hatred of any group or person, or explicitly or implicitly refers to sexual actions or situations

GROUP GUIDELINES

Our main goal is God being glorified in all things that our teams do and experience. The guidelines in the manual are for not only God's glory but are for your team's edification. Please take time to re-read this information. Review the Release of Rights. Ask all questions now before you get on the field. Once on the field, there is a written and spoken expectation that you will follow the lead of all Restoration Journeys, Restoration Initiative, and Missio Mosaic staff. We will provide ample time to discuss and explain any and all situations that will come up. Remember, reflection is one of our key tools. Since starting Restoration Journeys, God has moved immense walls to grow closer to His children, and we take this opportunity very seriously. Both communication and all trainings are important for pre-trip prep. Please review our Team Policies in this packet. Policies will be also be reviewed at orientation. **We reserve the right to cancel a group that has failed to meet pre-trip deadlines or dismiss a group that has failed to meet on-field expectations.**



THE RESTORATION INITIATIVE FOR
CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

RESTORATION JOURNEYS TEAM APPLICATION

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

Note: A \$100 deposit is REQUIRED with these forms in order to book your trip (payable by check or credit card)

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: _____ (Refer to deadline sheet for info about number changes)

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, specifically the Deadline & Deposit Policy provided.

☐ I have confirmed the dates to attend Restoration Journeys New Orleans.

☐ I have listed an approximate number of participants that will attend.

☐ I have included or paid online a non-refundable initial deposit of \$100 made payable to
The Restoration Initiative.

I have fully read the registration packet and completed the registration forms. I am including or paying via website the initial deposit required to finalize this registration. I agree to the terms of the Restoration Journey deadlines and deposit policies. I understand that a Restoration Journey 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 it 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