

International Student Ministry Committee (Sample)

Mission Statement: Believing that God has called each of us to reach out to our neighbor, we commit ourselves to equip God's people at _____ Lutheran Church to share the life and love of Jesus with international students/families

Qualifications

Committee members need to:

- ◆ Be individuals of faith who live out the gracious and forgiving love of God as shown to us in Jesus.
- ◆ Be tolerant of lifestyles and viewpoints different from their own, and be excited about making discoveries about other people, their lives and their worlds.
- ◆ Be creative in ways of ministry.
- ◆ Possess a positive attitude that sees opportunities and challenges rather than problems.
- ◆ Desire to see others involved in and excited about "the mission at our doorstep."

Responsibilities

- To coordinate efforts at _____ Lutheran Church to intentionally reach out to the international student/family through events, activities and personal ministry.
- To plan a yearly agenda for activities with internationals.
- To become involved in the ethnic/international community of _____ University.
- To offer encouragement to people who are already participating in "Friendship Family" activities.
- To creatively implement ideas for outreach to internationals.
- To offer workshops/seminars that will help in equipping people to reach out to the international community.
- To integrate internationals into the ministry of our church, with special attention to the worship settings.
- To diligently seek to share a caring, verbal witness of Jesus as Savior of all.
- To share with other congregations and the district the excitement of our congregation and its international student ministry.

Specifics

- The term of membership on the committee is two years. One-half of the committee is appointed each year; appointments are to coincide with Council elections at _____ Lutheran Church.
- The committee is made up of at least five members: two permanent residents, two American students, and one international person. Additional participants are always welcome.
- The Pastor for internationals is encouraged to attend meetings to offer support, advice and other information as needed by the committee.

The committee shall meet no less than quarterly; a schedule for monthly meetings is preferred.

One committee member is responsible to give a report on the status of international ministry at each church council meeting.