

**DISCERNMENT FRAMEWORK FOR SHORT-TERM MISSION EXPERIENCE**

For each question or criteria, identify whether it fits in one of these 3 levels: critical, preferred or not necessary . Then put a checkmark/YES if the proposed short-term experience meets the criteria or an "X"/NO if it does not. Any critical criteria not met would automatically disqualify or suggest change is needed.

Question / Criteria	Critical	Preferred	Not Necessary	Suggestions for Better Fit
Aligned with church vision for missions?				
Potential for faith formation? I.e. prayer and devotions				
Prayerful mindset and calling?				
Involvement of youth?				
Cultural exposure?				
Orientation provided?				
Focused learning on poverty and/or justice issues?				
Potential for mutual growth (ie. growth for our group and their community, mission of WITH)?				
Plan exists for long-term relationship? (eg. Link to missionary)				
Assets identified and maximally used in community of service?				
Matching of personal funds to church funds?				
Incentives for supporting ministry beyond short-term mission?				
Incentives for ministry support for church or CRC agency commitment?				
Exposure to worldview differences?				
Risks analyzed and minimized?				
Oversight sufficient for tax receipting donations? (staff on site, agreements, audits etc.)				
Level of ownership from community for project?				
Focus on relationships more than providing stuff/doing for?				
Clear expectations and goals?				
Motivation to serve and listen not to be a savior?				
Strategy exists for preventing dependency?				
Debriefing provided?				
Past participants increased involvement in ministry as a result?				