

2024 Cambodia Vision Trip Application

(Please return completed applications to Barb Van Solkema.

Direct any questions to Dr. Bitner.)

Name: _____

Degree Program: _____

Expected Graduation Year: _____

Spouse's Name (if applicable): _____

Children Names and Ages (if applicable): _____

In two or three paragraphs please describe any ministry and missions experience that you have, the ministry path(s) you are most interested in, and why you want to join the Vision Trip:

Would you consider a summer internship (4-8 weeks) in Cambodia at some point in the future?

Please list any experience you have with the following:

- *Short Term Missions Trips:*

- *Church Planting / Disciple Making:*

- *Cambodian or other non-American cultures:*

Are you a member of a local church? _____

*Please note, you will need a signed consent form from an elder, internship advisor, or other type of overseer within your church (see attachment “A”)

How many academic units do you expect to be taking in the Spring? _____

*Please note, you will need a signed consent form from your academic advisor (see attachment “B”)

Do you expect to be able to raise \$1,500 by February 2024 for this trip?

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Spouse’s Signature (if applicable): _____

Attachment A:
Cambodia Vision Trip: Elder/Pastor Consent Form

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Church: _____

Elder/Pastor Name: _____

How long, and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP IS THREEFOLD:

- 1) To deepen the WSC seminary education by exposing students to non-American Reformed churches and the dynamics of the global mission field,*
- 2) To establish a personal connection with Cambodian Reformed churches so that students may either pursue becoming a missionary or partner with churches/missionaries serving in Cambodia, and*
- 3) To support and encourage the local church in Cambodia during the vision trip.*

The hope is to offer regular opportunities for more vision trips for WSC students to travel to different parts of the world.

Knowing the above, and knowing this individual as you do, can you please briefly describe the strengths that this applicant brings to Westminster Seminary California’s desire to serve the global church, specifically through this Cambodia Vision Trip?

Knowing the above, and knowing this individual as you do, can you please briefly describe any questions or concerns you have about this applicant being a part of the Cambodia Vision Trip?

Are you willing to discuss any of your comments, questions, or concerns with one of the leaders of this trip? If so, can you please provide the best manner in which we can contact you?

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Attachment B:
Cambodia Vision Trip: Faculty Advisor Consent Form

Name of Applicant: _____

Applicant's Expected Credit Load Spring Semester, 2024 _____

Name of WSC Faculty Advisor: _____

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