

STEP 2020 INFORMATION SHEET

PURPOSE AND VISION

Each summer, LHCC members gain hands-on, cross-cultural missions experience through STEP (Short-Term Evangelism Program). Some of the desired outcomes of these trips are to:

1. Share the Good News of Jesus Christ to people of all nations.
2. Grow in our knowledge, love, and commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
3. Learn and experience what it means to be disciples who are called to be on mission for the gospel in other nations.
4. Support our missionaries who are serving in their respective countries.

GENERAL INFORMATION

We praise God for your interest in STEP 2020! If you choose to apply, please complete the application to the best of your ability and read the following details carefully.

1. By submitting this application, you acknowledge that you will:
 - Strive to be a good witness of Jesus Christ to those around you.
 - Make every effort to attend all team meetings, training sessions, and fundraising activities.
 - Read and reply to all emails, texts, and other communications in a timely fashion.
 - Pay for actual expenses incurred by LHCC on your behalf if you decide not to—or cannot—go (e.g., non-refundable plane ticket)
2. Space is limited! If more applications are received than space is available, there will be a waitlist in the order of the received applications. Consideration of applicants will be according to the order in which the applications are received in the case some members decide not to—or cannot—go on STEP.
3. If the Missions Committee requests an interview, you will be contacted no later than **March 22** with more information. The Missions Committee hopes to finalize the STEP teams no later than **March 22**.

HIGHLIGHTS

This summer, Living Hope Community Church hopes to send two teams to East Asia.

Destination:	East Asia - North	East Asia - South
Dates (tentative):	June 11 – July 1	June 20 - July 3
Cost (estimated):	\$3,000	\$2,500
Application Deadline:	March 8 (Sunday)	March 8 (Sunday)

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and have a desire to know Him more, love Him more, and reflect His love towards others?
- Are you a member of Living Hope Community Church? (The next membership class will be offered in February 2020).
**High school seniors must have been regular attendees of Catapult this school year.*
- Will you make every effort to attend all team meetings, training sessions, and fundraising activities?

*Prior missions experience is not required. First-timers are highly encouraged and welcomed to go!

COST & FUNDRAISING

The cost of STEP 2020 will be approximately \$2,500 - \$3,000 per person. Apart from a small LHCC scholarship, each person must raise the remaining balance through team fundraisers, individual fundraisers, and personal contributions.

A \$100 deposit will be due during the STEP 2020 Orientation (**March 22nd Sunday**). ***All contributions and fundraising must be completed one week before departure.***

STEP 2020 TENTATIVE CALENDAR

In addition to the actual overseas trip, several dates should be cleared on your calendar. The following is a *tentative schedule* for the STEP 2020 program. If the dates or times are changed, you will be notified in advance as soon as possible for your convenience.

*Training sessions are **MANDATORY**, even for those who have participated on prior STEP trips. However, one excused absence will be allowed if needed.

March 8	Sunday	Applications due
March 22	Sun. 1:30pm – 3:30pm	STEP Orientation/Teams Announced
March 28	Sat. 8:00am – 1pm	Training 1
April 11	Sat. 8:00am – 1pm	Training 2
April 25	Sat. 8:00am – 1pm	Training 3
May 9	Sat. 8:00am – 2pm	Training 4
May 23	Sat. 8:00am – 1pm	Training 5
May 30	Sat. 8:00am – 1pm	Training 6
June 6	Sat. 8:00am – 1pm	Training 7
June 11	Thursday	Northeast Asia Departs
June 20	Saturday	Southeast Asia Departs
July 1	Wednesday	Northeast Asia Returns
July 3	Friday	Southeast Asia Returns
July 10 – July 12	Friday - Sunday	STEP Debriefing Retreat

*Breakfast will be provided during training sessions.

*There will also be a one day team outing (planned by the team leader) that is not included on the tentative calendar above.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Download the application (available at <http://livinghopecc.org/step/>) or request an application by contacting the missions administrator at missions.administrator@livinghopecc.org.
2. Complete all applicable sections of the application and submit by email to the Missions Administrator (missions.administrator@livinghopecc.org) before **March 8th, 2020**.

We would love to hear from you! If you have any questions or comments about STEP 2020, or the application process, please contact:

- Missions Administrator (missions.administrator@livinghopecc.org)