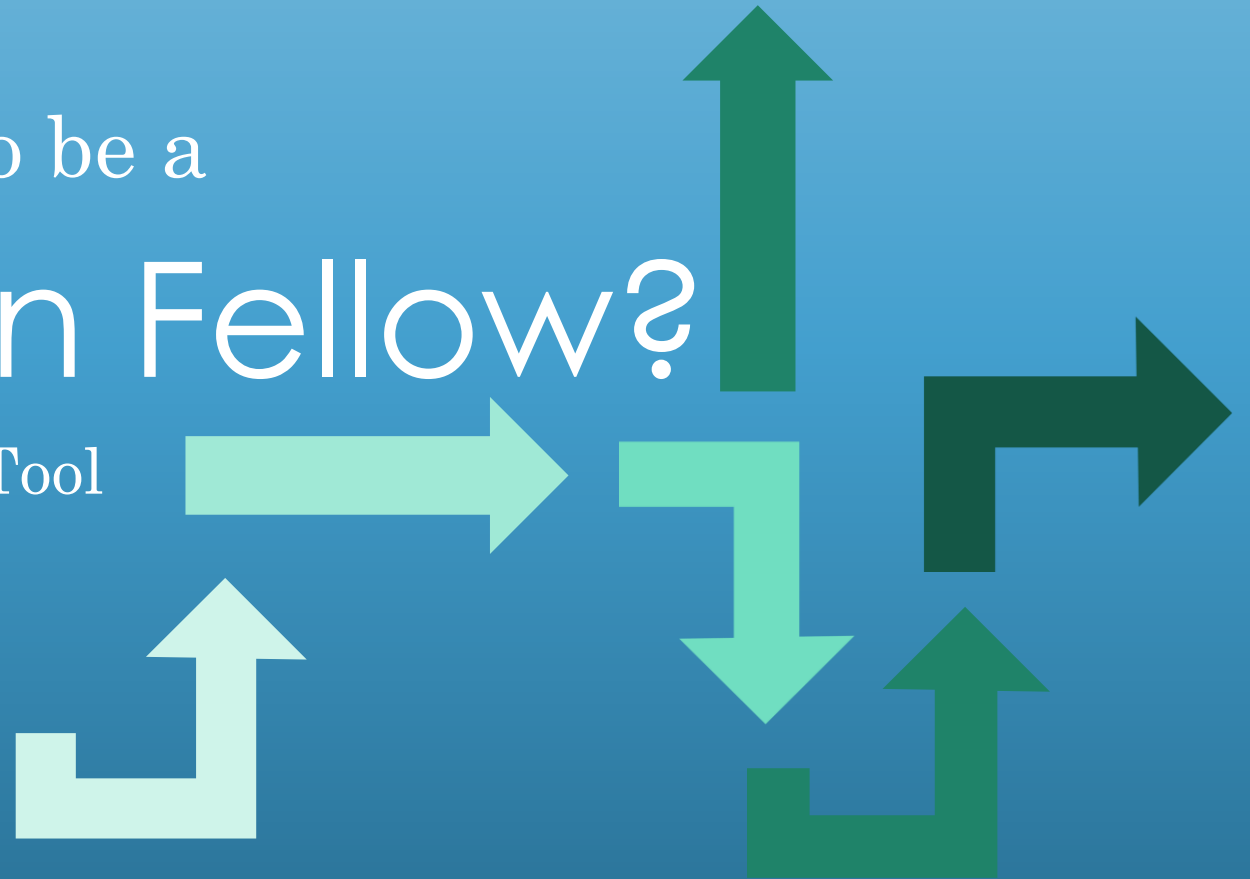


Should I Apply to be a
Global Mission Fellow?

A Discernment Tool



Welcome!

We hope that this overview will help determine if this program could be a good fit. Click on the “yes” and “no” answers to learn more about the distinctives of the program.

Our program is available to individuals between the ages of 20-30 on December 31st of the year they begin service. Are you between the ages of 20-30?

YES

NO

It's a Big Commitment...

Fellows are matched with a placement site outside their home context. For anyone in the International Track, this will mean living in another country for approximately two years.

While we encourage communication with family and friends at home, the Fellow is not given much accessibility to traveling home during their time of service. This could mean that a Fellow may miss a wedding, a birth, a social or political event, holidays and so on.

Are you willing to live away from your home country/community for approximately 2 years?

YES

NO

Great! You're Eligible to Apply.

This program recognizes that the Christian faith is very diverse and that beliefs among our Fellows vary greatly. Fellows engage in many levels of social and spiritual growth during their time of service, so a foundation in faith is crucial.

Do you profess to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

YES

NO

Wonderful! Let's talk Justice...

The program helps young adults engage in social justice issues. Fellows join local initiatives to break the chains of injustice and alleviate human suffering (Isaiah 58:6-7).

Do you have previous experience or an increasing desire to engage in social justice as part of your spiritual witness and your ongoing professional growth?

YES

NO

What about service?

Fellows engage with local communities. They are called to do ministry *with* others, finding ways to serve alongside them, not just doing things for them. Fellows serve with churches, community groups, and individuals to address the priorities of people in the community.

Do you have a willingness to work alongside people in a new and diverse community while actively seeking to learn from them?

YES

NO

What about solidarity?

Fellows live simply. As learners and co-laborers, they commit to having the same standard of living as their local partners. Simple living is an act of solidarity and humility; it means living in a similar fashion as those in the community.

Are you willing to accommodate your preferences to live a modest lifestyle of solidarity with a new community?

YES

NO

Looking at boundaries...

Fellows grow in personal and social holiness. Following Jesus' example, Fellows show compassion through presence, word, and deed. They understand, that transformation happens when the inner and outer life are aligned in right relationship with God, oneself, others, and creation.

Do you have a desire to engage in service which intentionally crosses social and cultural boundaries (such as discrimination, faith views, sexual orientation, human rights, etc.)?

YES

NO

Going Deeper into Theology...

Fellows advocate for social change, and testify about hope in the face of injustice. Fellows invite churches to participate in mission projects through prayer, financial support, emotional care, and common action.

The Global Mission Fellows Program is part of The United Methodist Church, which has its own set of theological views and beliefs.

[What We Believe](#)

[Social Principles](#)

[FAQs](#)

Are you willing to learn about and represent the theological views and beliefs of The UMC?

YES

NO

Communication

The Global Mission Fellows Program is open to people from all language backgrounds. The common language for training and program communication is English, and English is required to serve in many of our placement sites. So all applicants need to be able to communicate in English.

Can you communicate in English (speak, read, and write) at a Professional Proficiency level?

YES

NO

Okay...Now Some Technical Stuff...

The program is open to any young adult (ages 20-30) from any country. We usually have Fellows serving from about 25 countries at any given time. The diversity of our Fellows allows the learning process to be much richer and more dynamic as Fellows engage with change and development together.

Do you hold a passport for the United States of America OR do you have a status in the USA which allows you to legally work without a sponsor?

YES

NO

Two Program Tracks

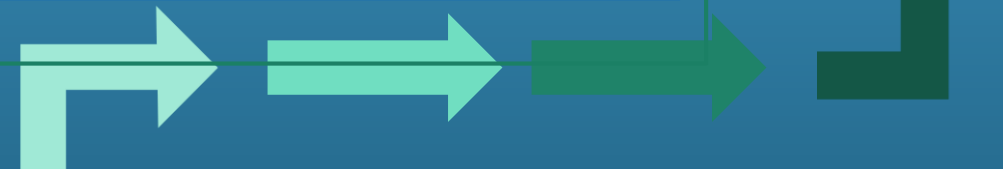
As someone who is eligible to work in the USA, you would be eligible to apply for one of our two tracks.

- **US-2 Track:** For US residents who want to serve within the United States. Placements include the Nome Community Center in Alaska, the NOAH Project in Detroit, Justice for Our Neighbors in Miami, and many others around the country.
- **International Track:** For all passport-holding applicants from any country who want to serve outside their home country. Placements have included the Hope for Africa Foundation in South Africa, International and Migrant Ministries in Germany, Shade and Fresh Water in Brazil, and many others around the world.

Do you know which program is more attractive to you?

US-2

International



Welcome to the US-2 Track!

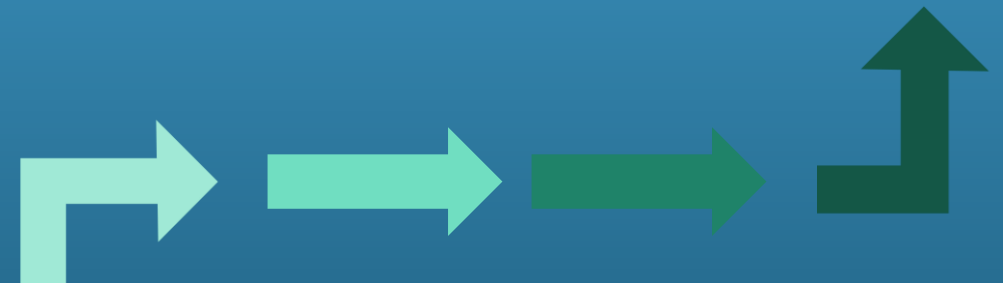
You are eligible to apply for the US-2 Track! This track is for those are eligible to work in the United States and are called to serve in the USA. It is a 24 month service program that includes training, transition into the new affiliate site, and intentional, community living.

US-2 Track Fellows work in cooperation with a partnering organization called an Affiliate to advocate for justice and peace in the community.

Affiliate organizations engage in work such as:

- Social services
- Advocacy for immigrants and other marginalized groups
- Equipping the church for community engagement.

More about the [US-2 Track](#)
[Complete the Discernment Tool](#)



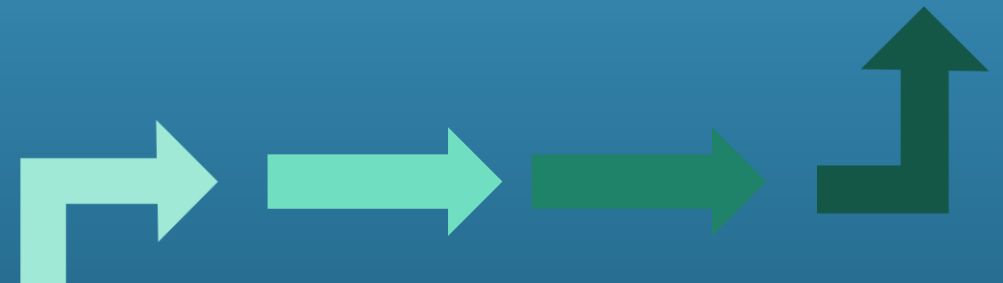
Welcome to the International Track!

You are eligible to apply for the International Track! If you are accepted into the Program, you will be offered a place to serve which is outside your home country but in an environment where you will be able to use your education and life skills to invest in those in your new community.

International Track Fellows invest in their placement sites in many ways. Some examples of what Fellows can do during service are:

- Health education
- Environmental justice
- Advocating for refugees
- Networking with community leaders
- Teaching language and life skills

More about the [International Track](#)
[Complete the Discernment Tool](#)

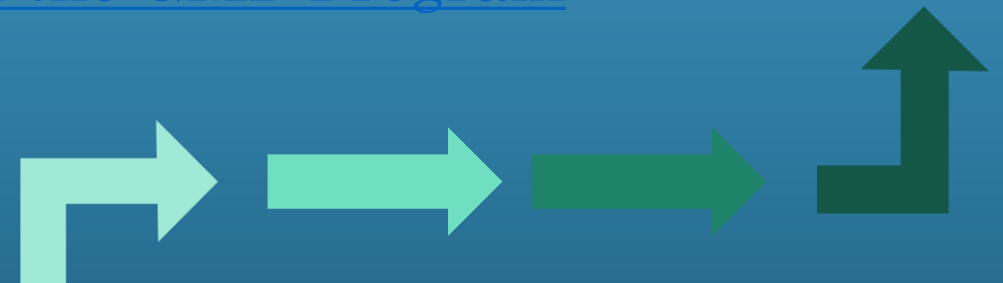


Thank you for using this discernment tool!

We sincerely hope that these questions were helpful in giving you a better picture of the Program and if it may be a good fit for you at this time.

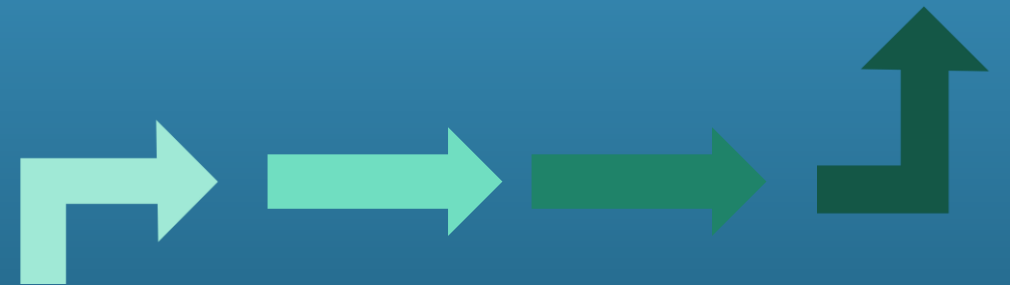
If you would like to access some additional resources, here are some options:

- I would like to learn more about the [GMF Program distinctives](#)
- I would like to [connect with others interested](#) in the GMF Program
- I would like to hear what's going on with [GMFs who are currently serving](#)
- I would like to be contacted by an [alum of the GMF Program](#)



>> End of Discernment Tool <<

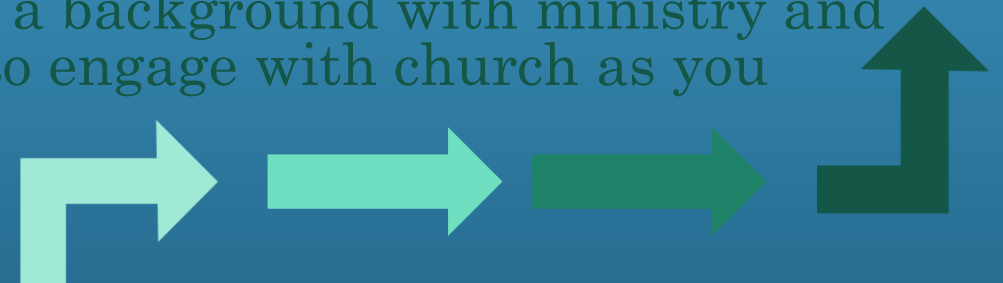
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Still Thinking? That's Great!

We realize that as a young adult, you have many options available. If you are still thinking about if the Global Mission Fellows Program is a good fit for you, that's fine! We encourage you to take time to think through the commitments of the Program. Here are a few other things to consider:

- Would you like to [speak with a GMF Alum](#)? They would be happy to process through questions you may have at this point.
- Have you read through the [blogs of our current Fellows](#)? This might help you understand the scope of the Program better and clarify some grey areas.
- Have you asked a pastor or mentor for advice or to pray with you in this discernment process?
- Are you already actively involved in social justice initiatives with your church or community? Or do you have more a background with ministry and evangelical outreach? How would you like to engage with church as you enter a different stage of your adulthood?



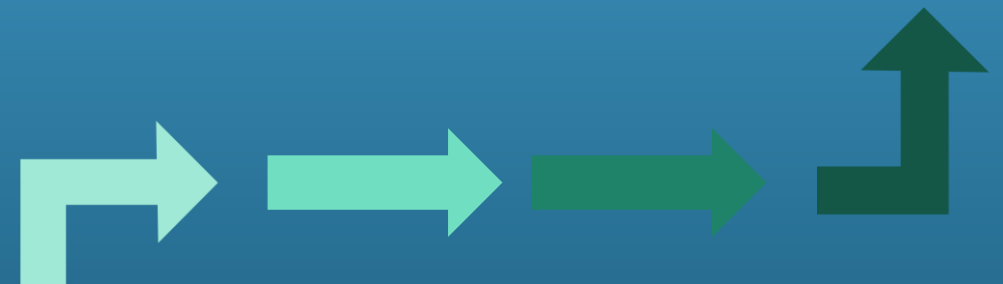
Still Working on Learning English?

That's wonderful!

We do require that our applicants have a Professional level of English proficiency, so we would encourage you to work towards this goal if you are still an English language learner.

We would recommend that you find ways to continue to practice your professional English, such as:

- Practicing with an English speaker in your community
- Watching videos in English on YouTube (many have subtitles)
- Finding other language resources online to build your vocabulary



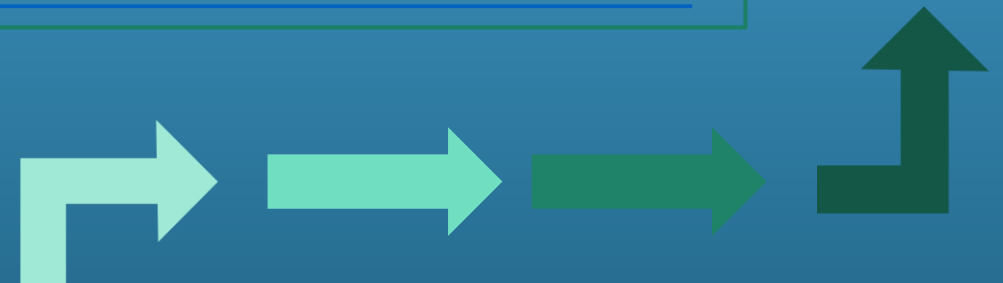
More about The UMC

Based on your response, we would encourage you to learn more about The UMC before applying to serve as a Global Mission Fellow. Our program is based on the theology and practices of The UMC and it is important that applicants are willing to support the church and its beliefs during their time of service.

Please click on the links below to learn more.

[I would like to know more about The UMC before I apply](#)

[I do not want to be a part of a service program connected to The UMC](#)



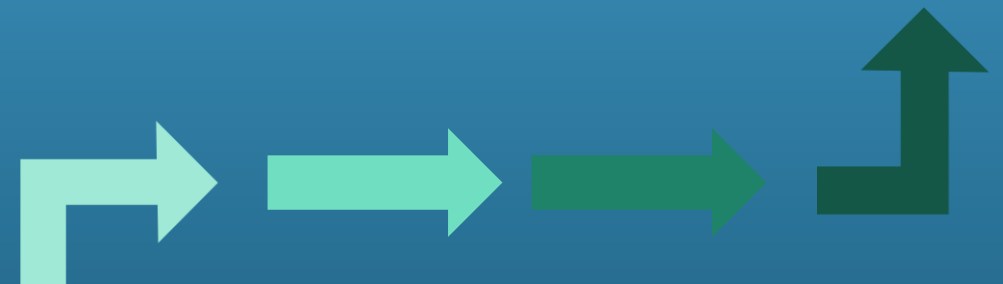
Resources

You can learn more about The UMC on the beliefs pages of UMC.org:

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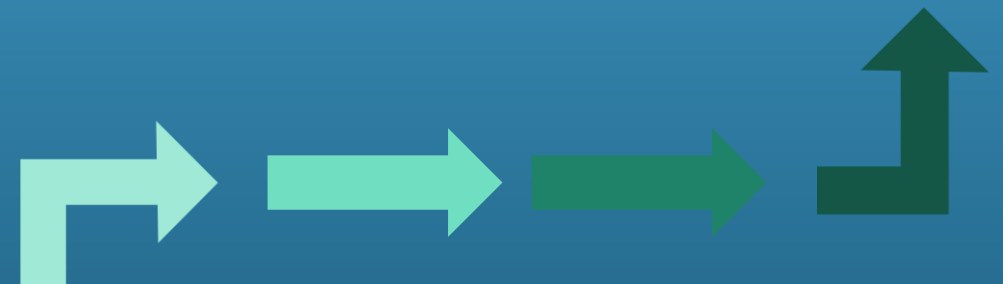


Moving Forward!

Based on your response, we would recommend that you consider applying for a different type of service program where faith isn't foundational to the motivation.

For example, you may want to consider the Peace Corps or AmeriCorps, both of which are wonderful service opportunities. Or you may want to consider volunteering with a local justice group to see transformation happen in your home community.

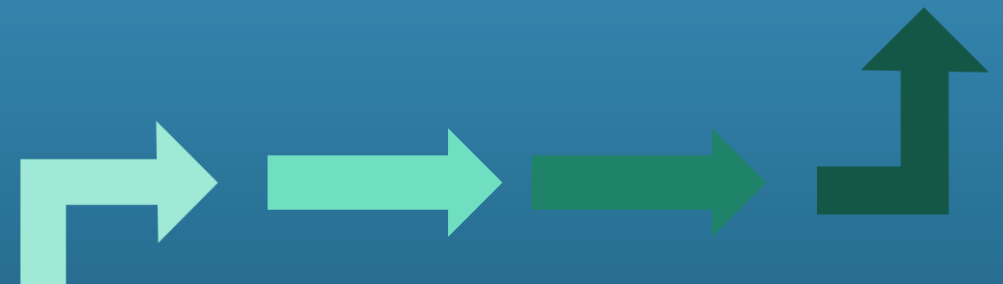
Thank you for your desire to serve!



Moving Forward!

Based on your response, we would recommend that you consider a different type of volunteer or work opportunity.

Thank you for your interest in service!



Moving Forward!

Based on your response, you do not fit in the age bracket to be eligible for the Global Mission Fellows Program. We would invite you to learn more about other programs offered through The UMC.

Thank you for your interest in service!

[I would like to know more about The UMC](#)

[Tell me more about other UMC mission programs](#)

