



Mission of Peace  
Northeastern Jurisdictional Council on Youth  
Ministries  
United Methodist Church

## China

on or about December 27, 2020- January 15, 2021

# YOUTH APPLICATION

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Last name

First name

Middle name

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Street Address

City

State

Zip code

e-mail

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Area Code

Telephone number

Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy)

T-Shirt size

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Gender

Year in school while on MOP

UMC Conference

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Name of Local  
Church

Number of years at this church

Phone #

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Church street address

City

State

Zip code

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Parent/Guardian Name

e-mail

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Passport (YIN)

Passport #

Expiration Date

PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN FULL.

1. Give a brief statement on how you understand yourself as a Christian Peacemaker.
2. Describe your activities in your local Church, District, Conference, Jurisdiction, or General Church.
3. Describe your travel experiences that would relate to the Mission of Peace.
4. Describe your participation in school and community activities, and other groups outside the church.
5. Why do you wish to experience the Mission of Peace?
6. Please have three letters of reference included with application:
  - ....one from your Pastor.
  - ....one from your Youth Advisor/Church School Teacher.
  - ....one from a High School Teacher/Adult outside your church.

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I agree to fulfill pre-travel study requirements.

I agree to maintain a travel journal.

I agree to share my MOP experiences with at least 5 churches/civic groups.

I have read the Mission of Peace purpose statement, all the requirements, and payment schedule. I promise to honor the MOP purpose and all requirements and deadlines if I am selected as a participant in the Mission of Peace.

Signature of \_\_\_\_\_  
applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date

I/We give permission and will support \_\_\_\_\_ on the Mission of Peace

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Printed Name of Parent / Guardian

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Parent/Guardian Name Signature and Date of Signature

Return completed application to Rev. Tony Hipes; 50 Saint Helena St.; Perry, NY 14530 By March 1, 2020. Interviews will be scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Liverpool. You may also send to [tjhipes@gmail.com](mailto:tjhipes@gmail.com).

# YOUTH INFORMATION PAGE

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Youth interested in the Mission of Peace:

Parents of Youth interested in the Mission of Peace:

The Mission of Peace application and information material is composed of 3 items:

1. The MOP Youth Application form (2 pages).
2. The MOP general information and statement of purpose form.
3. The Youth Information Page. (2 pages).

Please read all three items of the MOP application and information material carefully .....both sides. Applicants should understand and appreciate the purpose of the Mission of Peace and be fully aware of the responsibilities and time line for the application process. If selected. ...please keep a copy of these pages.

The 2020 Mission of Peace is to China

The approximate dates are December 27, 2020 - January 15, 2021.

The approximate cost per participant is \$5,000.

Expectations for Youth participants on the Mission of Peace:

1. High School Senior or younger in the year of the trip.
2. Upon return, will share the MOP story at least 5 times.
3. Individual pre-travel prayer, study, and preparation.  
Keeping a journal during the MOP.
4. Raise funds and meet payment schedule: Due on 6/15, 8/1, 9/15, 11/1.
5. Commit to and keep the MOP "Covenant of Conduct" which is determined by the group during the orientation on the first days of the MOP.

## Mission of Peace Package Includes:

- \* Round trip Air Service from "home" airport
  - \* Accommodations in all cities \* Full Board ...breakfast, lunch, dinner
  - \* All transportation during MOP
  - \* All transfers, tips, taxes and handling fees \* Services of local guides
  - \* Family Group Leaders (Adult Advisors)
  - \* Tours, museums and program fees
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Please return the completed application to your Conference Youth Coordinator: Rev. Tony Hipes; 50 Saint Helena Street; Perry, NY 14530 by March 1, 2020 or by email: [tjhipes@gmail.com](mailto:tjhipes@gmail.com)

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### Heather Stierheim

Heather is the NEJ MOP Co-Coordinator. She is the pastor of the Williamsville UMC, near Buffalo, New York. Heather went on her first MOP in 1995 as a youth and has been on the MOP to Zimbabwe, India, the People's Republic of China, and Cuba.

### Ted Anderson

Ted is the NEJ MOP Co-Coordinator. He is a retired pastor and former District Superintendent in the Upper New York Annual Conference and a past Youth Coordinator with the Upper New York CCYM and the NEJCYM

After receiving the MOP recommendations from each Conference, Heather will send a letter of confirmation and information to each Youth going on the MOP on or about May 1, 2019.

Questions: Please call Heather at (716) 634-4800 or email at [hstierheim@pts.edu](mailto:hstierheim@pts.edu) or [wumc@williamsvilleumc.org](mailto:wumc@williamsvilleumc.org).