

Mission Team Member Code of Conduct

A mission team member is an ambassador of Christ, the sending organisation and their home country. As a member of this team, I agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct.

1. As a guest of a graceWorks partner organisation in the Philippines, I will respect local customs and values, refraining from criticising anything that is different from my own culture and values.
2. I have come to learn and serve not to teach. When I experience procedures that conflict with my attitudes and values I will not impose my values, attitudes and way of doing things on our hosts.
3. I will respect my hosts' view of Christianity recognising that faith is lived out in different ways.
4. I will develop and maintain a servant attitude towards all nationals and my fellow mission team members.
5. I will respect my mission team leader(s) and coordinators and their decisions.
6. I will not gossip and pass judgment on other team members.
7. I will not make negative or hostile comments about my hosts or their country.
8. I will not complain when presented with unexpected and undesired circumstances. I will instead be positive, creative and supportive.
9. I will respect the work done by other organisations with whom I come into contact.
10. I will strive to build healthy interpersonal relationships with all members of the team and make an effort to interact with all team members and community members.
11. I will not use any recreational or illegal drugs while on the Mission Trip. I will only consume alcohol if I am over 18 and then I will also limit my alcohol intake to a glass with evening meals if permitted by the venue.
12. I will wear clothing appropriate for the culture or setting in which I am serving being guided by the advice given me by the mission team leader or local host.
13. I will not give private gifts (including money) to local people unless I have first discussed this with and received permission from my tour coordinators. [This does not include token gifts as expressions of appreciation such as Australian souvenirs.]
14. I will protect the rights of children and always act in ways to ensure that their best interests are met. When interacting with a child, I will remain within the sight of other people. If I receive any information involving child protection issues, I will report it immediately to the team leader.
15. I will only take photographs of children that are culturally sensitive. I will not exploit the rights of children nor post their photographs with their names on social media.
16. I will not purchase or obtain anything that is considered illegal by either my host country and/or my home country. I will respect and abide by the laws of my host country and my home country.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Mission team member)

Witnessed by:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Mission team leader)
