

**Call for applications  
 UEM South-North Volunteer Programme  
 April 2013 - March 2013**

**The programme**

In 2002 the first South-North volunteers were sent to Germany through UEM in order to live and work for one year in a German congregation. After a few years of interruption UEM has revitalised this programme in 2011 to create learning opportunities for young members of its member churches. The aims of the programme are intercultural exchange and sharing experiences with other Christians. Also, the volunteers are expected to support the work of their hosting institution actively.

**Available placements**

**In 2013/2014 8 placements will be available, 4 of them in German congregations, and another 4 in diaconic institutions of Bethel/Bielefeld, a UEM member.**

Activities are manifold, depending on the activities of the hosting institution. They can be related to youth work, Sunday school, child care, elderly care or adult education. Applicants can indicate their preferences according to their skills, but should remain flexible with regard to their placement profile. The hosting congregations are geographically located in North Rhine-Westphalia/West-Germany.

**Tentative programme schedule for placements in German congregations:**

- **July 2012:** Call for applications among UEM member churches;
- **July-30<sup>th</sup> September 2012:** Pre-selection within UEM member churches.
- **30<sup>th</sup> September 2012:** Deadline for proposal of candidates towards UEM (proposition of max. three candidates possible);
- **October 2012:** Selection of candidates by UEM and hosting churches;
- **November 2012–March 2013:** Preparation by the sending church, German language course within home country;
- **1<sup>st</sup> April 2013:** Arrival in Germany;
- **April 2013–March 2014:** Living and working in a German congregation.

**Tentative programme for placements in Bethel:**

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- **1<sup>st</sup> September 2013:** Arrival in Germany;
- **September 2013-August 2014:** Living and working in a Bethel diaconic institution.

## Requirements

- You are available from January 2013 or June 2013 (including language course).
- You are between 18-28 years old and have finished secondary school.
- You are an active member of your home congregation, e.g. as Sunday school teacher, youth group leader or others.
- You are ready to learn German and speak English fluently.
- You are willing to serve and to work hard when required.
- You have the will to go through good and difficult times.
- You want to integrate into a congregation with another cultural background than your own.

## Regulations

The regular working time is around 40 hours per week. UEM provides a pocket money of 150 Euro per month; the hosting institution/congregation is providing food and basic accommodation. All related expenses, e.g. flight, transfers, insurance etc. will be covered by UEM.

If you want to apply for this programme, **please contact your church office.**

Your application submitted to UEM in **Word or PDF Format** by your church should consist of a:

- 1) Completed application form;
- 2) Curriculum Vitae;
- 3) One-page motivation letter which explains why you want to participate in this programme;
- 4) Completed church endorsement form;
- 5) Completed medical examination form; and
- 6) Recommendation letter by a person that knows you and your skills well, e.g. pastor, teacher etc.

Your church will forward the (digital) applications of all suitable candidates to the UEM officer for interregional volunteer programmes at the UEM office in Wuppertal, Ms. Anika May, [may-a@vemission.org](mailto:may-a@vemission.org), +49-(0)202-89004-381, **until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012 the latest.** A selection will be taken in October by UEM. You will be informed immediately whether you are one of the 8 participants of this programme in 2013.