

About the Deerfoot Lodge Missions Endorsement

Deerfoot has had an historic interest in world missions. Each session at camp, missionary work is promoted and an offering is taken to support missions. While Deerfoot never purposed to be a missionary training ground, many Deerfoot alumni who have gone into missionary service report that their Deerfoot experience was formative to their calling and preparation for missionary service. In recent times, Deerfoot staff that have chosen to serve in short-term missions service (one year or less) have looked to Deerfoot for help and encouragement in their venture.

Because the work of Missions is so broad in nature, there is a need to define Deerfoot's focus and objectives in missions' initiatives by creating a formal designation of Deerfoot endorsed missions' efforts to which Deerfoot will lend its support and commitment as the Lord leads us.

Generally, Deerfoot will endorse missionary efforts (individuals or organizations) that are international (though domestic missions may be considered on a case-by-case basis), camping oriented, and have a connection to Deerfoot (alumni, friend of camp). The objectives would be to

- Extend the reach of DL's mission to the international camping movement.
- Develop a network of relationships with like-minded missionary efforts where DL can focus its support.
- Expose DL staff and campers to missionary initiatives around the world and inspire them to be world-minded Christians.
- Build relationships with international camp movements that result in healthy exchanges of ideas, training, staff, and support.

Deerfoot Lodge's endorsement means:

1. DL offers its official non-financial support.
2. DL would promote or highlight an endorsed mission effort via its promotions (for example, an occasional spot in the Tracks, or link on the web site, etc.) and during the middle session Sunday service, when a missions offering is taken.
3. DL would decide whether or not to provide material or financial support to a missionary or organization on a case-by-case basis. Financial support would normally come from summer missionary offerings and would be a one time gift.
4. DL would encourage staff members to go and serve with endorsed missionaries or organizations. Such staff members, while going with DL's blessing, are responsible to apply to their own sending agency and raise their own support.
5. DL may share the expertise of its full-year staff or alumni (such as Chief Chuck, Chief Ron or Chief Ken) by sending or consulting with endorsed missionaries/organizations. Deerfoot financial support for travel expenses if needed would be decided by the Board on a case-by-case basis.
6. DL would permit endorsed missionaries and organizations to publicize that their ministry is endorsed by Deerfoot Lodge.

What Deerfoot Lodge's endorsement does not mean:

1. DL will stand in place of an official missions sending agency or Church.
2. DL will manage third party financial support for endorsed missionaries or organizations.
3. DL will provide ongoing salary, benefits or financial support of any kind for endorsed missionaries or organizations.
4. DL will presume directional authority over or responsibility for the activities of endorsed missionaries or organizations.
5. DL will use its mail lists for solicitation for raising support. The Director, however, may make the DL community aware of endorsed missionaries and provide contact information on a case-by-case basis.
6. DL will be held responsible for the well-being of endorsed missionaries.

Criteria for DL endorsement:

1. Endorsed missionaries must be DL alumni (former camper, staff, volunteer).
2. Endorsed organizations must have a purpose that complements the camp mission and values of Deerfoot. It is anticipated that most endorsed organizations will be international camps/adventure programs.
3. Endorsed organizations and missionaries must be in full agreement with the Deerfoot Lodge Statement of Faith.
4. Endorsed organizations and missionaries will be sent by a legally constituted sending agency or church.

Process for endorsement:

1. Upon request, the Director will provide an application for missions' endorsement.
2. The completed application will be reviewed by the Director who will determine if the applicant meets the criteria for endorsement and for recommendation to the DL Board of Directors.
3. If recommended by the Director, the application will be presented to the DL Board of Directors for endorsement approval.
4. An applicant can be endorsed by DL upon majority vote by the Board of Directors present at any one of the regular Board meetings (Spring, Summer, Fall).

Application for Deerfoot Lodge Missions Endorsement

Please complete the following application and return it to Deerfoot Lodge (41 Overlook Drive, Averill Park, NY 12018; or by fax 518-207-0434; or by email: chieftron@deerfoot.org). This application may be completed on your computer using Adobe Acrobat or Reader (ver. 7 or higher). Adobe reader is a free download available at www.adobe.com. Or, you may print the form and complete it manually.

Personal Information

Name: Last First Age Birth Date

Spouse & Children Names (if applicable)

Primary Mailing Address: Address Street / Box City State Zip

Field Address: Country Address

Home Phone: Cell Phone: Other phone:

Email: Application Date:

Deerfoot Connections

Please describe your Deerfoot connection (include years as camper and/or staff).

Please review the Deerfoot Lodge Statement of Faith:

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
4. We believe in the unique nature of man as a moral and rational being created in the image of God and in the historic fall of man into sin thereby bringing all men under divine condemnation.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture and that all who believe in Him are justified through his shed blood.
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life as our High Priest and Advocate.
7. We believe in the salvation of all those who have been born again through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and that although sin may interrupt our fellowship with God, salvation is unto everlasting life.
8. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
9. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
10. We believe in the personal return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
11. We believe in the resurrection of the redeemed to the enjoyment of God forever in His presence, and the resurrection of the unredeemed to judgment and everlasting punishment.

This statement of Faith represents my beliefs except as noted here:

Have you read Deerfoot's policy on Missions Endorsement and do you understand what it does and does not mean?

Missions Information

Describe your current place of missionary service:

Describe the nature and method of your financial support (types of sources, accounting, dispersals):

Provide the name and contact information for the Missions Agency with which you serve:

Recognizing that some missionaries serve in sensitive parts of the world, please provide guidance for how your name or field information should or should not be listed publicly (such as in DL newsletter or on our web site).

Thanks for completing this application!

