

# PARTNERSHIP MISSION

## BAPTIST CHURCHES AND MORLING STUDENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

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### WHAT IS PARTNERSHIP MISSION?

Partnership Mission involves teams of three to six students and faculty spending a weekend with a local church and engaging in a variety of activities in partnership with the congregation.

The idea is for the student team members to work with the church in whatever ways the church decides is most helpful in ministering to their community and reaching out to their neighbours. The teams are chosen by the Tinsley Institute at Morling College to give a balanced mixture of ministry abilities and experience, depending on the types of activities you wish the team members to be involved in.

For example, the team may operate within the existing church ministries. Or you may arrange a youth outreach event; a children's mission; evangelistic meals; men's/women's events; and so on. Or you may wish to use the team to survey the local area and develop a profile which would be helpful for your leadership in developing future outreach strategies.

### WHY DO WE CONDUCT PARTNERSHIP MISSION?

1. To be a resource in the life of the local church for evangelism and outreach;
2. To build closer links between Morling College and the churches;
3. To provide students with opportunities to develop skills and ideas for local church evangelism.

### WHAT IS MY CHURCH'S COMMITMENT?

Country churches need to provide **accommodation** and **meals** to the team they host. Sydney-based churches may need to provide some accommodation too, depending on where the student member of their team live. This can be negotiated with the team once they're appointed. Students and faculty are more than happy to be hosted in congregation members' homes. In fact, the more informal interaction between church members and students, the stronger the bonds that develop.

Secondly, the church is asked to **contribute a small honorarium** to the Tinsley Institute which will be shared between those students who incurred travel costs in getting to your church. We ask you **not** to contribute directly to the students. The amount of the honorarium is at your church's discretion.

Thirdly, we ask you to appoint a church coordinator. This can be a pastor or a lay person, to liaise between the church and the Tinsley Institute.



## WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT OF OUR STUDENTS?

The students and faculty will come under the leadership of the church's ministry team and will conduct themselves in a loving, humble way as servants of the church. Each student team will be led by a senior student and most teams (although not all) will include a lecturer. The team leader will liaise with the church coordinator in the months prior to the team arriving to help shape both the membership of their team and the program they will participate in.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR A PARTNERSHIP MISSION IN YOUR CHURCH:

You could use a Morling team to lead or contribute to:

- Sunday Services
- Leadership Seminars (depending on faculty availability)
- Home Group Bible Studies
- Playtime/Playgroup
- School Scripture
- Aged Care Ministries
- Seniors/Retirement Groups
- Youth Groups
- Men's and/or Women's Ministry Events

## FURTHER INFORMATION

If you are interested in hosting a Partnership Mission team in your church next year, please complete a registration form to ensure you are included in our planning.

If you have any questions about the nature of your suggested program, the student's involvement, or how Partnership Mission has worked at other churches, then please contact Michael Frost or Darrell Jackson in the Tinsley Institute.



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### REGISTRATION FORM

Yes, our church would like to register to be a part of Partnership Mission in 2018

Church Name

Minister

Address

Contact Person

*(if different to minister)*

Email Address

Phone Number

Select your preferred weekend for the team to attend: *(Number in order of preference)*

\_\_\_ 4 – 6 May

\_\_\_ 3 – 5 August

\_\_\_ 25 – 27 May

\_\_\_ 19 – 21 October

How many students could you use and accommodate?

*This is just to give us an idea. You can change your mind later.*

What kinds of events would you envisage a Morling team being involved with during the weekend?

Are there any particular skills you would like members of your team to have?

Could you let us know your church's view on the role of women in ministry? Are there any limitations to the ministry our female students could engage in while at your church?

Do you have any questions about Partnership Mission?

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Once we receive this form, we will begin praying and planning for a mission trip to your community. Return this form to [marketing@morling.edu.au](mailto:marketing@morling.edu.au), or post to 122 Herring Road, Macquarie Park NSW 2113.