



# SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE FORM

## Trip Information (To be completed by the Trip Sponsor)

Sponsoring organization (Trip Sponsor): **The River Conference**

Location(s) of mission trip: **Texas**

Nature of mission trip: **Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts**

Any extra coverage is the responsibility of the Participant or Parent of minor participants. ("Parent" refers to parents or guardians throughout the entire document.)

## Participant Information (To be completed by Participant or Parent)

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Is Trip Sponsor authorized to approve medical treatment?  Yes  No

Is Participant covered by personal/family medical insurance?  Yes  No

If yes, name of insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy or group number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Participant Agreement (To be completed by Participant or by Parents, if Participant is a minor)

I, the undersigned, wish to voluntarily participate in the Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts. In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts, in the state of Texas beginning the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the "Activity"). I fully recognizing the dangers and hazards inherent in the Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts, and any related transportation, including personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, as well as the unknown dangers and hazards which may arise in the course of my participation in the Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts, do hereby voluntarily:

In connection with the Participant's participation in this Activity, the Participant hereby waives his/her right to any claim, cause of action, and/or the right to file a law suit against the Conference, any local Free Methodist Church, the Free Methodist Church of North America ("FMCNA"), or any conference of the FMCNA, or against any such organizations' departments or entities, or against the directors, officers, agents, employees, sponsors, volunteers, successors and assigns of any such organization. The Participant further release all such organizations and/or persons from any and all responsibility or liability of any nature whatsoever for any loss or damage to my person or property, including, but not limited to, personal injury and/or death sustained on this Activity, unless such loss, damage, etc., is due to the intentional or willful act of such organization or person.

This Waiver and Release of Liability is binding upon my personal representatives, trustees, heirs, successors, beneficiaries, relatives, or next of kin and shall inure to the benefit of all organizations named herein as well as to their directors, officers, sponsors, employees, agents, volunteers, successors and assigns.

If any provision of this document is held to be invalid or unenforceable, this form shall be construed as if the invalid or unenforceable provision was not contained in the document.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the above trip, the Participant (or Parent) acknowledges and accepts the risks of injury associated with participation in the trip. The Participant (or Parent) accepts personal financial responsibility for any injury or other loss sustained during the trip or during transportation to and from the trip, as well as for any medical treatment rendered to the Participant that is authorized by the Trip Sponsor or its agents, employees, volunteers, or any other representatives (collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Trip Sponsor").

If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, the Participant (or Parent) agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable Biblically based alternative dispute resolution process. If the Participant (or Parent) and the Trip Sponsor cannot agree upon such a process, the dispute will be submitted to a three-member arbitration panel for resolution pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

### Photo Use Agreement

1. Use and storage of Participant's name and image, by means of digital or film photography, video photography, audio recording or other documentation, with respect to the trip.
2. Use of any stored data including Participant's name and image in printed publications of Trip Sponsor.
3. Use of any stored data including Participant's name and image in electronic publications of Trip Sponsor.
4. Use of any stored data including Participant's name and image in any Web site created by or for Trip Sponsor for its sole benefit.
5. If I am signing this agreement on behalf of a minor child, I hereby warrant that I am the legal parent or guardian of the child and that I have the legal authority to sign this agreement on behalf of the child.

I have read this release, I understand it fully, I understand that it is legally binding, and I understand that, among other things, I am agreeing to indemnify The River Conference of the Free Methodist Church USA, and the Free Methodist Church USA, for injuries, damages or losses I may cause and giving up rights to sue The River Conference of the Free Methodist Church USA, and/ or the Free Methodist Church USA for injuries, damages or losses I may incur.

By signing below, I acknowledge and warrant that the information that I have provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further agree to immediately notify the Activity Sponsor of any change in the information presented. I understand that this form is valid and legally binding until revoked in writing by the Participant (or the Participant's parent(s) or guardian(s) if the Participant is a minor). By my signature, I am stating that I agree to, understand, and accept all of its provisions, and understand that I am giving away substantial legal rights.

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Participant*

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/guardian if participant is a minor*