

M.E.E.T. Pastoral Reference Form

Mission Encounter, Education Training

Sponsored by the West Virginia Baptist Convention

*This reference should be completed by the pastor of your church or by a mentor who will be able to most accurately describe your growth and development as a follower of Christ. This person can be any leader involved in your discipleship such as a campus ministry leader, small group leader, youth pastor, or head pastor of your church.

Pastor's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Applicant's Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Years Known: _____

Best Time and Day to Contact you (pastor or leader): _____

Dear Pastor or Ministry Leader:

We are so thankful for the ways in which you have served the kingdom faithfully by discipling others and influencing them to be more Christ-like. This reference form serves as a contact information sheet for us to be able to with you about the above candidate for the M.E.E.T. Externship through the West Virginia Baptist Convention (WVBC).

The M.E.E.T. Externship is the Mission Encounter Education Training program developed by the WVBC to aid and assist individuals in discerning a call to vocational ministries through an intense international externship. This externship will include orientation to missions, missiological and theological studies about mission, cross cultural training and preparation for an extended mission experience in partnership with an International Ministries missionary unit outside the US. International Ministries is the mission arm of American Baptist Churches USA.

Taking into consideration how comprehensive this externship is, it is our goal as to ensure that the candidates who are selected for the program are at a place in their walk with Christ that is appropriate to ensuring their success through the program. In order to do this, we have decided to forgo a traditional pastoral reference, and instead conduct a phone interview that will help us to get a better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses that need to be considered for candidacy. If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to reach out to us at **MEETTeamLeadership@gmail.com**. Once your candidate has returned their required materials to be considered for candidacy we will work on setting up a time that will work best to make contact with you. We look forward to getting to work with you throughout this process.

In Grace,

MEET Team Leadership