



COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION A NEW FAITH AND CULTURE EXPERIENCE 2015 12 OCTOBER – 27 NOVEMBER 2015



PROGRAMME BRIEF

A New Faith And Culture Experience (ANF) aims to stimulate theological reflection and cross-cultural perspective by introducing the clergy to a ministry wherein the realities and environment different from their own.

ANF is hosted by the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and will be held from **12th October to 27th November 2015 in Jamaica.**

ANF is expected to:

- Equip the clergy to work as a missionary;
- Enable the clergy to work and/or to develop their work in a multicultural context;
- Prepare the clergy to work with church's international partners; and
- Enhance the church's capacity in line with its human resource development strategy, enabling it to better pursue its mission priorities

The participants will be engaged in the following activities:

- One (1) week experiential and interactive introduction to local faith and culture through visits to places of interest, dance, drama, videos and other medium;
- Four (4) weeks placement where participants will take part in worship and ministry in the local context; and
- One (1) week evaluation/debriefing sessions

UCJCI will appoint course coordinators who will provide overall responsibility for the group and assist in ensuring satisfactory placements. While ANF is not designed to form part of any formal academic course, each participant is expected to submit a final report which critically reflects on their experiences. The Council for World Mission (CWM) Empowerment and Training Unit administers the ANF Programme.

Qualifications

Participants in A New FACE Programme must:

- Be an **ordained minister**
- Be able to spend seven (7) weeks away from home
- Be interested in exploring mission issues in an international and multicultural context
- Be able to relate well with others and mature enough to cope with stress
- Possess good working knowledge of their own country, culture and church life, and be prepared to share this with other participants and with the host community
- Be proficient in English, as this is the main language of communication
- Hold valid passport for at least six months from the start date of the Programme

Entitlements

- CWM will arrange and pay for the participants international travel.
- CWM, through the UCJCI, will provide food and accommodation to the participants.
- Pocket money and local travel allowances will be provided to the participants during placements.
- Participants will be responsible for their own spending money above the pocket money allowance.
- Participants will arrange for their own passports and visa requirements (including Jamaica and transit visas, if necessary). Visa application must be made well in advance. Where you are not able to apply for visas in your country you will need to apply by courier or through a travel agent at your expense. Possibly your church can assist with these costs.
- Participants are responsible for their own routine medical examinations such as prescriptions, dental care, etc. However, participants traveling on behalf of CWM will have insurance cover.

Selection Process

1. All CWM member churches are encouraged to nominate maximum of two (2) participants, one (1) male and one (1) female for the A New FACE each year. Applications must be endorsed by the General Secretary and/or Church Moderator of the sending church, following its respective internal selection process.
2. **The closing date for the submission of applications is on 31st August 2015.** Duly accomplished applications must be submitted to CWM at (e-mail): empowerment@cwmission.org or hard copy at (address): *Empowerment and Training, Council for World Mission, 400 Orchard Road, #23-05 Orchard Towers, Singapore 238875.* Late and/or incomplete application forms will not be processed.
3. All the applications will be processed by the CWM-Empowerment and Training unit ensuring balance in gender and regional representation are maintained. Progress and other pertinent details will be reported to the CWM Trustee Body every year.
4. Upon notification of selected participants, they are expected to process their passport and visa requirements, if necessary.