

## Volunteer in Mission (VIM) NEWS!

### Volunteers in Mission has a new webpage!!!!

I'm so very excited to announce that our Conference Board of Global Ministries site has been updated. Check out the whole site for an amazing new look and easy to navigate features!!! You can access the site at <https://www.susmb.org/>. To go directly to the Volunteers in Mission section, click <https://www.susmb.org/vim/> or go to the Missions tab. The VIM pages are all new. Learn about our core values, what projects are available to volunteer with and what training is being provided. You can also see photos from the field and access all our important forms for leading a team from the volunteer roster that gets you access to our free accident insurance to building a budget. If you have questions, please contact me, the Conference Volunteer in Mission Coordinator, Michelle Schwartzman. Also, if you have photos to share or projects you'd like to advertise for more volunteers please get in touch with me at [vim@susumc.org](mailto:vim@susumc.org) or 717-766-7441 ext.3105.

### Volunteer in Mission Training

Must attend all 3 sessions, NO charge, resources provided will be mailed or delivered to you.

Thursdays, 6-8p, September 9, 16, 23

VIM Training prepares us to have a positive impact in mission whether it is a few hours or weeks, local, national, or global. It is open to those who have lead teams and those who have never participated in mission activities. Taking this training does not require you to lead a trip but equips you for service. Topics covered include Best Practices, Cultural Awareness, Health & Safety, Team Orientation, Useful Forms, Insurance and Fundraising.

Click to register <https://forms.gle/6aGMhZiWDhXN4zuJ6>

Questions reach out to Michelle Schwartzman, VIM Coordinator, at [vim@susumc.org](mailto:vim@susumc.org) or 717-766-7441 ext.3105

### COVID-19 June 2021 Updated Guidelines for all VIM Teams

The VIM COVID Guidelines have been updated this month. Here is the link for them, please read thoroughly: <https://www.umvim.org/blog/june-2021-covid-guidelines>. Some new information included are guidelines specifically for those who are vaccinated and those who are not. **VIM urges that if you are able and eligible to receive the vaccine that you do so.**

For those who are fully vaccinated you can resume service nearly the same as before. The guidelines ask that you still look out for COVID symptoms and follow CDC guidelines like mask wearing when you're traveling.

For those who are not vaccinated the guidelines ask that you help to stop the spread by mask wearing, washing hands frequently and social distancing. When traveling they ask that you utilize COVID testing and quarantining.

International travel remains the same in that you must check on the CDC Travel advisories. If a country is level 4, travel is prohibited. Levels 3 and lower they list specific instructions on how and what to plan for.

Please read the guidelines thoroughly as there are many scenarios we need to watch and plan for. Thank you for all you do to put your love in action!

### Volunteers In Mission is for all churches in mission!

Any local church serving in missions is eligible for additional accident insurance through United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (VIM) free of charge. If your church is serving the neighborhood, out of state or out of the country contact Michelle Schwartzman, VIM Coordinator for more information. You can submit a volunteer roster in order to receive the insurance card and information for your time of service with others. Michelle can be reached at [vim@susumc.org](mailto:vim@susumc.org) or 717-766-7441 ext. 3105. More info on the insurance can be found at <https://www.susmb.org/insurance/>. You can download the volunteer roster here: <https://www.susmb.org/resources/>, scroll down to Forms and find the Team Roster first on the list. VIM offer training and connections to opportunities too check it out at <https://www.susmb.org/vim/>.