



American Baptist Churches of New York State



2023 Mission Trip to Niagara Falls working with
Community Missions of the Niagara Frontier
October 26 to 29, 2023

Lending a Hand in the Name of Jesus

We will arrive for dinner on Thursday and depart after breakfast on Sunday.

We will be staying at Stella Niagara Retreat and Conference Center. We will be in shared rooms with two single beds. Bathrooms and showers will be on the hallway.

[\(https://www.stellaniagararetreats.org/\)](https://www.stellaniagararetreats.org/)

Part 1: Cost

Cost for the full trip is \$295.00 This covers lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners. It also covers some project/material costs as well. If a person is present for less than the full time, they may request that their cost be reduced proportionally. **Please Make All Checks Payable to ABCNYS and on the memo line indicate “NF Trip 2023-Participant.”** You may also pay online at <https://www.abc-nys.org/community-missions-niagara-falls-mission-trip.html>

Please note: Grants are available for youth through the ABCNYS Ministry and Mission Fund. Go to <https://www.abc-nys.org/grant-opportunities.html> and complete the Keith Griffin Youth Leadership Fund portion of the “ABCNYS Grant Application” found in the upper right hand corner of the page.

Part 2: Transportation

Each person will be responsible for their own transportation and the cost thereof. We will seek to arrange carpooling.

Part 3: Personal Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Work Phone: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ E-mail: _____

Occupational Skills: _____

Construction Skills: _____ Association: _____

Church Name: _____ Phone: _____

Church Address: _____

I would be willing to lead devotions with the group: _____ Yes _____ No
(Leading Devotions is Voluntary.)

Why have you decided to participate in this mission trip?

Please briefly describe your spiritual journey.

How do you plan to share this experience with family and friends?

Part 4: Logistics

Option 1: I will arrive on Thursday afternoon and stay until Sunday noon: _____
or

Option 2: I will arrive on _____ at this time _____.

I will depart on _____ at this time _____.

I can drive and transport _____ other people with me. (Remember, they will have luggage.)

I cannot drive and will need to carpool. _____ (Please check)

Part 5: Emergency Contact Information

Family Doctor: _____ Telephone: _____

List any Health Issues or Special Needs Regarding Meals, Transportation, Housing, etc. _____

List Any Allergies: _____

List Any Food Allergies or Concerns: _____

List All Medications: _____

Does Your Medication Need Refrigeration? _____ Yes _____ No

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

Insurance Carrier's Telephone: _____ (Make Sure Your Policy Covers You Overseas)

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Community Missions works with many people who are medically vulnerable, some of whom cannot be vaccinated. Stella Niagara Retreat Center, where we will be staying, has residential occupants, many of whom have comorbidities. We will need to comply with any COVID precautions that either place might have in palce at the time of our trip.

**Please Return to: ABCNYS, 3218 James St, Syracuse NY or office@abc-nys.org
Deadline for completed application: September 28, 2023.**

Part 6: Volunteer Request and Release

I hereby request permission to assist, as a volunteer worker, in the charitable and religious work of the American Baptist Churches of New York State (ABC/NYS), a non-profit organization. I understand that in rendering such volunteer assistance in the work I shall under no circumstances be deemed an employee for any purpose.

In consideration of the grant by ABC/NYS, of the permission I hereby request, I agree that I shall perform such volunteer work at my own risk.

I, for and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the mission of ABC/NYS as a volunteer, and other valuable consideration received from ABC/NYS, the receipt of which I hereby acknowledge, hereby waive, release, and forever discharge ABC/NYS, of and from all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, covenants, contracts, agreements, promises, claims and demands whatsoever, which I have, or which my personal representative, successor, heir or assign, can or may have, against said ABC/NYS, by reason of or related in any way to my participation in the mission sponsored by ABC/NYS.

I agree to indemnify ABC/NYS from all liabilities arising in favor of third parties resulting from my conduct while serving as a volunteer on a mission, preparing for a mission, or traveling to or from the location of a mission.

I also waive any right to assert any claim against ABC/NYS or its agents with respect to work performed or any injury, illness or loss which I or any minor child or other person who is dependent on me may sustain in the course of, or which arises out of, such volunteer work or such accompaniment. I waive any such claim both for myself and for any such minor child or other dependent person.

I agree to be liable for any expenses that exceed the original cost, including but not limited to early return expenses, uninsured medical expenses and emergency evacuation.

I have reviewed and signed the ABC/NYS’s International Volunteer Health Risks and Responsibilities and the Volunteer Request and Release forms. I have read these documents thoroughly and agree to all their terms. I have had an opportunity to consult with an attorney before signing them.

I have read, understood, and agree to abide by all the statements on this application and have provided truthful accurate information in response to the questions, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian

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Part 7: Travel & Participant Authorization (Required if under the age of 18)

Travel Authorization: (Required if under the age of 18)

We/I (Parent/Legal Guardian's Name) _____

of (Address) _____

are parents/legal guardians of (Name of Minor) _____, a minor

child, who resides with us at the address set forth above. We/I hereby authorize the minor to travel in New York State October 26 through October 29, 2023 , with American Baptist Churches of New York State to participate in a mission trip to Niagara Falls New York.

Participation Authorization (Required if under the age of 18)

We/I (Parent/Legal Guardian's Name) _____

of (Address) _____

are parents/legal guardians of (Name of Minor) _____, a minor

child, who resides with us at the address set forth above. We/I hereby authorize the minor to participate in the mission trip to Niagara Falls, New York, October 26 through October 29, 2023.

They will be accompanied by, in the care of, and under the supervision of _____

_____, an adult whom we know and to whom we are entrusting our minor child.

Signature of supervising adult named above: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Gardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Gardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note: In the case of two parent families (including the situation where the parents are divorced and share legal custody) or joint legal guardians, BOTH parents or legal guardians must sign this form and have it notarized. In the case of single parent families and a single legal guardian, the sole parent/legal guardian will sign the Travel and Participant Authorization form.

Travel & Participant Authorization

Notary

State of _____ Parish/County of _____

On this _____ day of _____, _____ (year), before me personally

appeared _____ to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the within instrument, and who acknowledged the same to be the free act and deed thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal on the day and year above written.

Notary Public: _____ My Commission Expires: _____

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