

# SENDING GUIDE

## Long-Term Mission

Are you called to be sent through The Church of Eleven22?

*For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea – Habakkuk 2:14*

*And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” – Rev 5:9-10*

*And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit – Matthew 28:18-19*

The Church of Eleven22 is a movement for ALL people to DISCOVER and DEEPEN a relationship with Jesus Christ.

At Eleven22, we believe discovering and deepening looks like a number of different things, but they all involve movement. They all involve choices. They all involve intentionally choosing to live your life on mission.

Are you being called to go? Is God calling you to leverage your time, talents, and treasures in full-time ministry to those who have not heard the good news of Jesus or are in desperate need of love, encouragement, and discipleship? Are you in a stage of life where God is showing you how your studies, work, or retirement can greatly benefit the kingdom?

No matter how or where God is calling you in this season, the pages following will help you understand how you can be sent by Eleven22 as a Long-Term Missionary, what you can expect while you're gone, and what you can anticipate upon your return.

Welcome to the long-term mission!

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." – John 20:21*

# DISCERNING

What does an Eleven22 Long-Term Missionary look like and is God calling me to become one?

We ask that all long-term Missionary candidates heavily consider these characteristics before applying to Eleven22's training pipeline. These characteristics will be a large part of the interview, training, and sending process.

## Conviction

- Has a good understanding of the gospel. Knows how to explain it, but more importantly how to apply it to everyday life.
- Reflects solid theology and praxis of the church, community, and mission
- Has a history of confessing sin and shows humility in response to being made aware of sin
- Not wavering in the foundations of the faith (gospel, Jesus, church, Trinity, Holy Spirit)
- Posture towards God and general behavior are not dictated by emotions.
- Consistent with following God over time

## Calling

- Demonstrates a clear direction from the Spirit and Word to work/serve full-time in a mission field and can put words to it.
- Has a clear affirmation from the local body of Christ that this is the right direction at this time. This includes interviews with friends, family, and co-workers (if applicable)
- Has a healthy understanding that life in ministry is not easy and is going to be intensely difficult in many ways.
- Shows a pattern of embracing God in times of suffering and fighting for joy with the knowledge that God is good even in difficult situations.
- Possesses an adventurous/courageous spirit that is willing to embrace the "pruning" that God will do in times of holistic, intensive ministry.
- Has the clear "fire within" to develop mature disciples of Christ in their context and is relationally skilled to do this even amidst ongoing hardships.

## Character

- Demonstrates a pattern of emulating Christ in emptying himself for the sake of others.
- Shows an understanding that as a follower of Jesus, one's own rights have now been surrendered – there is no room for any complaining or entitlement.
- Realizes he/she does not have everything figured out. Rather, has an attitude that wants to grow and is open to receive from others.
- Has a clear attitude of "learning". (i.e. reading books, asking questions, and being patient with the process.)
- Seeks to understand the culture in which he/she is working and strives to respectfully present the gospel in the most appropriate and gracious ways.
- Has a healthy understanding that ministry can, and will, feel chaotic.
- Demonstrated ability to thrive with constant change and transition.
- Able to embrace the fact that ministry is not always organized.
- Able to adjust on the fly without showing signs of severe stress, anger or derailment.
- Always learning and pursuing growth.

## Chemistry

- Committed to biblical community (is an active church member, sees the local church as God's plan; is willing to be accountable to others). Has a history of investment in community in his/her church or campus ministry.
- Has a healthy approach to dealing with problems in his/her past such as sexual sin, difficult relationships, family problems, etc.
- Has a healthy and mature self-awareness of strengths, weaknesses, sins, emotional habits, etc.
- Able to receive constructive criticism and give appropriate feedback to others in loving ways
- Demonstrates courage in relationships, understanding the value of healthy conflict
- Able to be under authority and held accountable by leaders
- Excited about the successes of the team over his/her own success or reputation
- Willing to embrace the group decision even when it is contrary to his/her opinion.
- Willing to embrace any role, no matter how mundane, for the success of the team.
- For singles: content in singleness
- For married couples: exhibits a healthy, gospel-centered marriage

## Competency

- Has a clear understanding of what it means to be a disciple who makes disciples
- Affirms that the local church is God's "plan A".
- Demonstrates obedience to the Great Commission in everyday contexts
- Assertive in relationships and a competent self-starter.

# ASSESSMENT

At Eleven22, we believe strongly in sending missionaries to the field who embody the conviction, calling, character, chemistry, and competency of a mature follower of Jesus Christ. To help ensure that long-term missionaries are exhibiting these characteristics as they grow as disciples and seek to make disciples in the nations, we expect that all candidates will complete the following steps in their discipleship journey at Eleven22 before applying to this program.

## #1 – Disciple Group Participation or Leadership

While attending church and participating in worship on a regular basis is an essential step for any follower of Jesus Christ, the life-blood of Eleven22's disciple-making opportunities is found within relationships. One of the best ways to form these relationships and become disciple-making disciples is through Eleven22 Disciple Groups. Therefore, we expect that all candidates will be active in a disciple group and can provide a reference letter from the leader of their group upon application. If the candidate is one of the leaders of the group, a co-leader can provide this letter.

## #2 – Serving Routinely at the Campus level

By the time a long-term sending candidate decides to apply for this program, it should come as no surprise to the campus he/she attends. The candidate at this point should have established relationships at the campus level through routine serving and should have no problem identifying leaders with whom they have relationship. Therefore, we ask that the missionary candidate have a letter of recommendation filled out by one the campus pastors before being sent by Eleven22.

## #3 – Short-Term Trip Participation

At Eleven22, we expect that everyone goes on at least one Short-Term Mission Trip. As a long-term sending candidate who may end up moving overseas, you should have participated on one or sign up for a trip as soon as possible to help you get a feel about what a missionary's daily life is like (living conditions, travel, food, water, support raising, etc.) Additionally, Short-Term Mission Trips are one of the best discipleship and assessment opportunities at Eleven22.

# APPLYING

How do I get to the mission field?

In order to be considered as a Long-Term Missionary sent by Eleven22, we ask that you fill out an application (*application link can be found on the website*). Your completion of this document will help our Multiplication Ministry staff and interview panels familiarize themselves with your past experiences, current relationships, and vision of how God might be calling you to long-term mission work. This application is thorough and will require an investment of time of your part.

In addition, we also ask that you submit reference letters from your Disciple Group leader and Campus Pastor at the campus of which you attend and serve. Upon completion of these things, the Multiplication Ministry staff will then set up an interview to begin a relationship and consult with you about the best fit for you within the Eleven22 training pipeline.

# TRAINING

What does it look like?

We believe in equipping every member of Eleven22 to engage life on mission. Therefore, there are many avenues of growth and engagement within the church that serve to mature followers. However, to be sent as a Long-Term Missionary, there are certain avenues that we require as part of your preparation. Listed below are the required areas and the suggested time frame to participate.

- Please note, to be sent from Eleven22 as a Long-Term Missionary, we reserve the ability to expect less or more of a candidate in preparation, including the extension or shortening of required timelines. Before training begins, all candidates should be routinely attending Eleven22, have participated in believer's baptism, and completed the application, reference letter(s), and initial interview process.

## DISCOVER: 1-3 years from departure

- Share Your Faith Training (all available classes)
- Support Raising Training (all available classes, if applicable)
- Care Training
- Local Outreach/Mission Experience
- 6 weeks of Doctrine Classes and/or Perspectives Mission Training
- Identification and partnership with Global Mission Partner Organization

## DEEPEN: 6 months – 1 year from departure

- Continued Partnership with a Global Mission Partner Organization (if applicable)
- Support Raising Training Classes continued (if applicable)
- Discover and Deepen Discipleship Plan
  - Daily bible reading plan
  - Cross-cultural assignments
  - Articles and books to read
  - Videos to watch
  - Bi-weekly meetings with a coach

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## Final Steps

In the last three to six months of the training pipeline, you will be working to establish a departure date while completing Eleven22's requirements for sending. While it is important to complete all requirements in a timely fashion, it is more important that you are fully matured in your discipleship, support raising, and gospel communication. Therefore, timelines may be extended dependent on interviews and any other communication through the training process.

The sending phase of the training pipeline includes:

- Establishing a Missionary Care Team / Advocacy Team
- Completion of Support Raising (if applicable)
- Scheduling an opportunity to be commissioned by the Eleven22 staff
- Completing a pre-sending video testimony
- Completing a final interview with the Multiplication Team
- Signing Eleven22's long-term Missionary Commitment