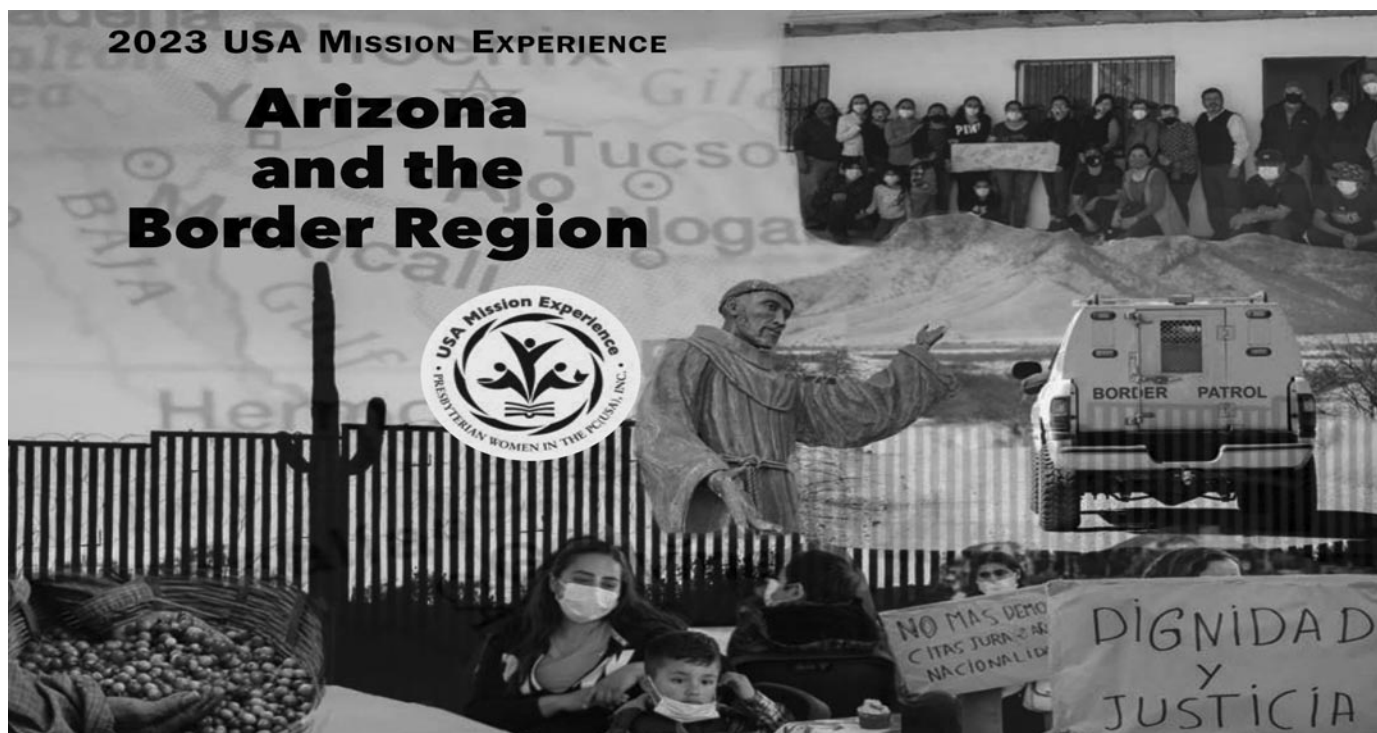


APPLICATION



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The Presbyterian Women USA Mission Experience will take place **October 13–23, 2023**. During this faith deepening and relationship-building trip, the group will visit partners in Phoenix, Tucson, and the Arizona–Mexico border, focusing on immigration and refugee issues, violence against women and children throughout the immigration process, and challenges facing indigenous people living in Arizona. Participants will experience learning, accompanying, and serving, with significant time set aside for reflection, conversation, and prayer as we encounter deep hurt as well as hope.

The trip will include stays at the Franciscan Renewal Center near Phoenix, the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, and a local hotel in Agua Prieta, Mexico. The group will worship with local congregations, join a weekly vigil at the Arizona–Mexico border, and visit with mission partners such as Frontera de Cristo (a Presbyterian border ministry and 2021 Thank Offering recipient), and Café Justo (a fair-trade coffee cooperative).

The purpose of the PW USA Mission Experience is to equip participants with an understanding of the history and culture of a particular region as well as the challenges, hopes and ministries of mission partners who serve God's people there. Traditionally, one Presbyterian woman from each synod joins the delegation and spends the following two years sharing the experience with groups within her synod.

To learn more about PW's USA Mission Experience, visit presbyterianwomen.org/usame or email Cheri Harper, PW associate for mission, at cheri.harper@pcusa.org.

Return your completed USAME application to your PW in the Synod moderator by **November 1, 2022**, and send a copy to your PW in the Presbytery moderator. If you need contact information for your PWS and PWP moderators, email patricia.longfellow@pcusa.org.

2023 USA Mission Experience • Arizona and the Border Region

October 13-23, 2023 • Application for participation

Deadline: Send completed application to your PW in the Synod (PWS) moderator by **November 1, 2022**, with a copy to your PW in the Presbytery (PWP) moderator. Your PWS moderator will submit to the USAME committee by **November 15, 2022**.

Contact/demographic information

Date _____

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (h) _____ Telephone (c) _____

Date of birth, including year _____

Racial ethnic background _____

Synod _____ Presbytery _____

Health information (If space provided is not sufficient, please provide additional typed attachments.)

If selected, you must provide a physician's statement of health. Please note that you must be able to carry your own luggage, walk up steep inclines and walk some distances. Expect long days when you aren't always comfortable.

1. General health excellent good fair

2. Allergies? yes no

If yes, please explain.

3. Dietary restrictions? yes no

If yes, please explain.

4. Physical challenges? yes no

If yes, please explain.

5. Emotional challenges? yes no

If yes, please explain.

6. Would it be a danger to your health if you had to miss a meal? yes no

7. Does your medical insurance cover travel? yes no

8. Are you currently under a physician's care and/or taking prescribed medications of which we should be aware?

yes no If yes, please explain.

9. Are there any other conditions we should know about in considering your application (e.g., sleep disorders, diabetes, high blood pressure)?

yes no If yes, please explain.

Personal Information (If space provided is not sufficient, provide additional typed attachments.)

10. Why do you wish to participate in the USA Mission Experience?

11. What is/has been your involvement in Presbyterian Women, your church and your community?

12. Keeping in mind the purpose stated on page 1, what are your expectations for this experience?

13. Describe an uncomfortable, unexpected situation you have experienced, and your response to it.

14. Give an example of how you manage conflict.

15. Describe an experience you have had with a culture other than your own and what you learned about yourself.

16. Accommodations

I can travel with a large group of people. yes no

I can adapt to simple living arrangements. yes no

I can adapt to different accommodations each day. yes no

17. Stamina

I can walk three miles unassisted. yes no

I can carry my own luggage, and carry it up stairs. yes no

I am comfortable with a demanding schedule. yes no

18. I consider myself . . .

able to adhere to a schedule. yes no

adaptable. yes no

a team member. yes no

a listener. yes no

an effective public speaker. yes no

open to different viewpoints and new ideas. yes no

19. If selected, I will . . .

share my photographs and notes after the trip for the benefit of all participants. yes no

do a pre-trip study of materials provided or recommended by organizers. yes no

commit to two years' post-trip presentation of my experience to educate Presbyterian women about U.S. mission issues. yes no

References

Name two references who can speak to the qualities described on the previous page. Email each of them the enclosed reference form. They will fill out the form and send it to your PW in the Synod moderator by **November 1, 2022**.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

The cost of the trip is \$2,400, plus travel to the Phoenix airport. Participants are responsible for their own expenses. It is hoped that your synod, presbytery and congregation will help cover the expenses.

Applicant, send the original application by November 1, 2022, to your PW in the Synod moderator. Send a copy to your PW in the Presbytery moderator.

Applicant, please read and sign this agreement:

If selected, I agree to all the conditions relevant to the USA Mission Experience of Presbyterian Women. I will have a current passport, complete the required study in advance, take part fully in all aspects of the trips, including orientation and debriefing, and will give two years following the experience for interpretation. I will fulfill all my financial obligations related to this trip.

Signed _____ Date _____

Synod endorsement and signature (required)

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of _____

endorses _____ and agrees to

- assist the participant(s) in raising funds for the cost of participation in the Mission Experience,
- provide opportunities for participant(s) to share experiences throughout the synod for two years following the USA Mission Experience.

Signed _____ Date _____

PW moderator in the Synod of _____

Synod moderator, email this completed application by **November 15, 2022**, (including both reference letters), to Cheri Harper, PW associate for mission, at cheri.harper@pcusa.org.



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Personal reference

Applicant, send a copy of this sheet to each of your references, asking them to return it to your PWS moderator by **November 1, 2022**.

Reference, thank you for serving as a reference for _____.
 Please respond to the following questions. Attach additional pages, if necessary. Send the completed form to your PW in the Synod moderator by **November 1, 2022**.

Questions

1. Will this person be able to effectively share/interpret her experience in a variety of ways and settings?

yes no

2. From your experience of this person, does she have the physical stamina to effectively participate?

yes no

3. Do you consider this candidate to be . . .

	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
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4. What is your knowledge of her involvement in PW, her church, community and any crosscultural experiences?

5. What else would you like us to know?

Reference's contact information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____