



Blackhawk Presbytery

Blackhawk-Imenti Partnership *Kenya Visit – September 22 – October 5, 2026*

Application

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Age _____ (*must be 18 or older*)

Church _____

Ruling Elder _____ Minister _____ Member _____

Does your church have a church to parish partnership in Kenya? _____

Where? _____

If your church does not have a partnership, is it open to establishing one? _____

Have you been on a previous Kenya mission trip with the Presbytery? _____

When? _____

Do you have a valid passport? _____ or, are you willing to get a valid passport? _____

Are you willing to update your immunizations according to what is required for travel to Kenya? _____

Previous Mission Experience (local, national or international):
(Experience is not necessary, but helpful.)

Previous multi-cultural experience: (*Experience is not necessary, but helpful.*)

**Why do you want to go to Kenya? What do you hope to do? What do you hope to learn?
How does your faith inform your desire to do mission activities like this trip?**

Do you have any physical limitations? If so, what are they?

Do you have any dietary restrictions?

What other gifts/expertise do you have that you will be willing to share (i.e. teaching, health care, farming, musical talent)?

Are you comfortable leading a group in prayer and sharing a short message?

Are you willing to tell others about the trip when you return?

Please have your pastor sign below and provide a contact phone number. He/she will be contacted as a reference. In the absence of a pastor, please seek the support of your session and have the session clerk sign.

Pastor or Session Clerk Signature

Pastor/Clerk Phone Number

Applicant Signature

Date

Application is due October 1, 2025

Email a scanned copy to Laurie Walker at laurelawalker@gmail.com

Tentative Kenya Trip dates: *September 22 – October 5, 2026*

Basic Information

- Maximum number of participants: 10-12
- Cost: approximately \$2,500 plus a \$50 VISA fee
- Checked luggage allowance: 1 large bag (50lbs.), 2nd large bag \$100 charge
- Passport and immunizations required.
- Willingness to pray and speak in front of large groups at events and during worship is required.
- Participants must be physically fit (able to walk some distance). The availability of health care will be very limited.
- Participants will stay individually in host homes for up to five days.
- Upon acceptance applicants will receive a fee schedule for the trip.
- Applications will be given the following priority:
 - New participants from new partnerships
 - New participants from churches interesting in forming a church/parish partnership
 - New participants from existing partnerships
 - Experienced participants serving as leaders
 - Experienced participants from existing partnerships
 - New participants not interested in forming a church/parish partnership
- Participants will be required to attend orientation sessions and to be available for mission sharing for one year following the trip.

Goals of this visit are:

- to renew the Partnership Memorandum of Understanding,
- to encourage new partnerships between Blackhawk and Imenti congregations,
- to strengthen existing church to parish relationships,
- to provide relationships of respect, trust, and support,
- to join in the Spirit of the Kenyan worship services and bring that excitement and enthusiasm back to our churches, and
- to learn more of Kenyan traditions, their amazing faith, and their way of evangelizing.

Physician Statement
(not due until after selection)

Patient Name: _____

As this patient's physician, I certify that he/she is medically clear to attend a 15-day mission trip to Kenya understanding the following:

- Facilities will not be handicap accessible and will not be air-conditioned.
- Activities may require a lot of walking.
- Restrooms facilities may be primitive and limited (i.e. squatting over a hole).
- The altitude will be as much as 5,000 feet above sea level.
- Exposure to extreme amounts of dust and smog are probable.
- Numerous inoculations will be required.
- Medical facilities will be limited and often distant.
- The experience is intense emotionally and spiritually so mental stability is critical.

Physician Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Physician Printed Name: _____