



PARTICIPANT COVENANT | SUMMER 2022

“Emmaus Road is dedicated to developing a Christ-centered heart for ministry and service at Westmont by raising awareness about global issues and mobilizing students in thoughtful response.” Emmaus Road Mission Statement

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

Essential Elements. Westmont College wants to ensure that all participants are able to meet the “essential elements” of the program. All participants must be able to meet these requirements, either with or without reasonable accommodations, regardless of their health condition and regardless of whether they have a disability. The College will provide reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities who request them in order help students meet the essential elements listed below and successfully participate in the program.

College-wide expectations. All students traveling abroad must:

- be in good academic standing at Westmont or another college or university in which the student is enrolled. Students on academic probation or suspension at Westmont or another college/university are not eligible for a Westmont College sponsored travel program.
- be in good standing with the Student Life Office. Students on disciplinary probation or suspension are not eligible for travel programs.
- agree to follow the Westmont Community Life Statement standards while abroad, any additional student conduct standards adopted by the particular service abroad program in which the student is a participant, and local laws.
- comply in a timely manner with all travel preparation protocols including, but not limited to, attending weekly pre-trip orientation class, completing all assigned preparation tasks, and fulfilling fundraising commitments, etc.
- comply with country(s) specific vaccinations required by the US Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Program-Specific Essential Elements. The following program-specific essential element(s) may be used to evaluate applicants.

New Students: First Years and Transfers

As a freshman or new transfer student your acceptance to Emmaus Road is conditional upon your attaining a minimum GPA of 2.00 for the fall semester. By signing and dating below you are giving permission to the Records/Registrar’s Office to release your academic information to CLO Staff for verification purposes after your fall grades have been finalized.

Signed _____ Date _____

Returning Students:

To be accepted into Emmaus Road you need a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 *and* cannot be on academic probation during the spring semester of orientation. By signing and dating below you are stating that you meet these academic requirements and give permission to the Records/Registrar’s Office to release this information to CLO staff for verification purposes.

Signed _____ Date _____

- SERVING SOCIETY CREDIT.** Check this box if you would be interested in more information about earning this credit through the program.

I. Statement of Personal Commitment

I am aware that the Community Life Statement as stated in the Westmont College Catalog is fully in effect for the entire program starting January 2022 and ending August 2022. I also agree to comply with the standards of our hosts while a program participant. If in the judgment of the staff program director I fail to live by either set of standards, I may be sent home at any time at my own expense and with the forfeiture of program costs already incurred.

I will familiarize myself and comply in a timely manner with the travel policies, protocols, schedules and standards established by Westmont College and the specific program for which I am applying. This includes attendance at all mandatory college-wide and program sponsored pre-trip orientations and paying my trip account in full (if applicable) by the payment due date – see support model section below. I understand that my failure to comply at any point in the preparation process may disqualify me from the program and may result in the forfeiture of deposits and other charges. I will also sign and fulfill all terms of the *Emmaus Road Assumption of Risk, Release and Participation Agreement* prior to departure.

II. Consent for Release of Information

I authorize the Registrar and Deans of Student Life to access and review my academic and judicial records at Westmont College and any higher education institution that I have attended. Furthermore, I authorize the release of information contained within any health/emergency forms submitted in preparation for this travel program to my physician, program leaders, Westmont College officials, the foreign host institution or third party provider (if applicable), the foreign host family (if applicable) to inform and discuss reasonable accommodations and/or to deal with any health related emergency that directly concerns me or involves me in any way, shape, or form while participating on this trip.

III. Global Ministry and Service Covenant

I will constantly strive to mirror the attitude that was modeled in the life of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:3-11). I commit to serve - with a heart of love - all teams, members, our in-country partners, and those that I come in contact with during the summer as our Community Life Statement affirms.

IV. Spring Orientation Sessions

- **Weekly Orientation Class**
I will attend the weekly orientation class scheduled Tuesdays from 4-6 pm.
- **Partner Weekend**
I will attend this weekend filled with valuable country and organization-specific Q & A time with a representative from each of our partnering organizations. Scheduled for March 25th -27th, 2022.

V. Finances | A Supportive Model

Emmaus Road is committed to working alongside all participants to raise the necessary support needed for their upcoming trips. That said...

I understand that the entire group (all teams) raises the budget together and each participant will be required to raise the average cost per person of all trips combined. This model will ensure a network of support by all in the group for the benefit of both the individual participant and, thus, program participants as a whole. Therefore, I understand that I will 1) participate in all required fundraisers and 2) *personally* contribute at least \$400 (personal tithe) toward my total program cost (see below).

1. Personal Investment of Resources

I understand that there will be one initial contribution – the \$400 registration fee – due on November 29, 2022. *Please make this check payable to “Westmont College” and designate “Emmaus Road Registration Fee” in the memo line. PLEASE NOTE: The \$400 registration fee will be refunded should you additionally raise 100% of your total program contribution. If you later decide to not go on the Emmaus*

Road trip, you will receive a refund of your registration fee only if you drop before orientation beginning on January 7th.

- Check this box if you would like to have this fee charged to your student account. *By checking this box, you affirm that you have notified and received approval from the person responsible for paying this account.*

In the event a team member *personally* contributes 100% of their total program contribution, that team member will be encouraged – but not required – to write support letters on behalf of other team members. This team member will, however, be required to participate in all other required fundraising projects (see below).

2. Personal Investment of Time & Energy: Required Fundraisers

I will willingly participate in all designated fundraisers, which include:

- **Support Letters** - I will submit a list of 75 to 100 names/addresses to whom prayer & financial solicitation letters will be sent in February. I will be responsible to write a portion of the letter and compile addresses in advance of the Support Letter Stuffing Session particular to your team. Emmaus Road will supply sample letters and cover the costs for postage, letterhead, envelopes, etc.
- **Home Church Support Letter &/or Visit(s)** - I agree to contact a leader from my local church to inform him/her of my Emmaus Road team and explore ways that the church might support Emmaus Road financially and through prayer.
- **Follow-up Calls** - I agree to initiate contact with at least 10 people from my support letter address list through phone calls (or email) after the letters have been mailed out to further inform and answer questions regarding my upcoming Emmaus Road opportunity.
- **Photo Post Cards** – I agree to send an additional Emmaus Road postcard with a photo of my team to my entire list of financial and prayers supporters in March. Emmaus Road will provide the postcards for this mailing event.

3. Personal Investment of Time & Energy: Optional Fundraisers

- **Final's Week Survival Kits.** I will be available to assemble and deliver survival kits the Study Day prior to Final's Week. All proceeds will be divided by participant volunteers.
- **Spring Sing Concession Stand.** I will be available, to organize and/or work the concession stand during parts or all of Spring Sing. All proceeds will be divided by participant volunteers.
- **Additional Fundraisers:** 1. Additional fundraising opportunities will be made available throughout the semester as the program sees need. 2. Additional fundraising spearheaded by individual participants is strongly encouraged. *PLEASE NOTE: The Assistant Director of Campus Life for Ministry and Outreach must approve each proposed fundraiser.*

4. Prior to Departure

Each team member with a *negative personal balance* will be required to submit a check in the amount of that balance prior to departure. The check will be deposited and any donations received on behalf of that participant through Westmont Gift Processing while the participant is abroad *will be refunded* to that team member on or around September 1st, 2022.

Each team member with a *positive personal balance* will be refunded the \$400 registration fee and that additional positive balance will be applied to the team member with the greatest need.

Please know that we do not want individuals to feel they cannot participate in this ministry for financial reasons. If you think this commitment will be an issue for you, please come in to the Campus Life Office and make an appointment with the Assistant Director of Campus Life for Ministry and Outreach – Jennie Fuentes- to discuss other options. DO NOT REMOVE yourself from the process prior to meeting to discuss your particular circumstances and options.

Also, if you are unable to attend or if you choose to not attend after you have started receiving donations, the funds collected will be used to support others to go on a trip.

VI. Passports

It is my responsibility to cover the costs of a new or renewed passport for my summer travels and I realize that I have to apply for my passport during the Fall Semester and submit proof of application with my registration fee on November 29th, 2022.

VII. Immunizations

I understand that I am responsible for the costs of recommended immunizations and all medications that may be required for my safety when traveling to the designated country. Resources will be made available to determine what country-specific immunizations you will need.

VIII. Travel Restrictions

I understand that personal travel at the beginning or end of the Emmaus Road trip is not usually allowed. I will travel to my destination with my team and return to the United States with my team.

IX. Summer Team & Individual Debrief

I will attend a *Global Reentry Retreat* weekend to be held during the Fall Semester 2022 – date TBA. I understand that I will be required to complete an online evaluation, share photographs and stories of my summer experience with the Westmont community, and meet with the Assistant Director of Campus Life for Ministry and Outreach, Faculty/Staff Mentors, and/or ER core team to give feedback and process my experience. *Note: The Assistant Director of Campus Life for Ministry and Outreach and Emmaus Road Core Team will utilize the information you provide in your evaluation while making decisions about global ministry partners and programming for next year.*

My signing of this application indicates that I have read the above commitments and if selected agree to faithfully and willingly fulfill them. Any violation of this covenant may result in forfeiture of summer participation. I certify that the answers I have given are accurate and complete and if submitting this application electronically I certify that typing my name on all signature lines will serve as my handwritten signature as well as receipt of this application from my personal email address.

Print Name	Signature	Date

Permission for trip participation by parent/guardian (required for students under 18 years of age)

Print Name	Relationship to applicant

Signature	Date

Please upload signed covenant and passport to your application, and should you opt out of charging registration fee to your student account, then please drop off your registration fee to the Emmaus Road office (2nd Floor, Kerr Student Center) by MONDAY, November 29, 2022 – should you be accepted

If you have any questions, feel free to email emmaus_road@westmont.edu