

## LLUH Travel Agreement

In this document, Loma Linda University Health or "LLUH" refers to and includes the core corporations of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center (LLUAHSC), as defined in the LLUAHSC bylaws.

# 1. Waiver of Responsibility and Assumption of Risk for Personal Travel in Connection with Approved LLUH-sponsored Travel

I understand and agree that any travel or activity not directly related to such approved trip shall be considered personal in nature. LLUH shall not be responsible for any transportation, lodging, meal, or other expense of any kind related to personal travel combined with a LLUH-sponsored trip.

While participating on an approved LLUH-trip, I understand that I may voluntarily choose to participate, during my personal time, in certain activities not sponsored or controlled by LLUH and/or not part of the trip program. These activities may include, but are not limited to, the following: travel to dangerous areas, off-roading, boat rides, motorcycle or ATV operation, zip-lining, hot air ballooning, personal aircraft rides or operation, skiing, scuba diving, bungee jumping, rafting, swimming, rock climbing, surfing, viewing or interacting with wild animals, or other similar hazardous or high risk activities. I also understand that the travel insurance/accident coverage provided to me may not provide coverage for me if I am injured while participating in these or similar activities.

I agree to release and hold LLUH, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, and subsidiary or affiliated organizations harmless from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, causes of action, costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever resulting from personal travel or activities.

#### 2. Travel Risks

Certain risks are involved in travel. While LLUH has taken reasonable and prudent steps to reduce foreseeable risks, significant risk may exist for personal injury, death, or property damaged related to my participation on this trip.

I understand that travel risks include, but are not limited to: accidents that may happen while traveling, including provided transportation, carpools, bicycles, and walking; risks associated with riots, civil commotion or disobedience, hijacking, kidnapping for ransom, risks associated with criminal, political or terrorist activity, unrest or danger; risks associated with the preparation and consumption of food and water; risks associated with infections, tropical, parasitic and other diseases, viruses or bacteria, and bites; perils of extreme weather and acts of God including but not limited to earthquake, fire, flood, tornado, hurricane, tsunami, and avalanche; the dangers of falling from high places, possible failed rescue attempts; the dangers of being lost; the possibility of being exposed to extreme temperatures for long periods; the possibility of serious physical, pain, mental trauma, or death, with medical attention several hours to several days away.

I understand that any type of travel may involve risk of loss, delays, changes in the means of transportation or in the performance of other services due to sickness, vehicle accidents, strikes, wars, natural disasters, pickpockets, official corruption, or other unforeseen causes or unfortunate outcomes; perils of extreme weather and acts of God, including but not limited to earthquake, fire, flood, tornado, hurricane, tsunami, and avalanche; and intentional or unwitting travel into areas with hazard of criminal, political or terrorist activity, unrest or danger.

## 3. Responsibilities of LLUH

I understand that LLUH or an affiliated entity may make transportation, room, board, and other such arrangements necessary for my participation in an approved trip. LLUH or any affiliated entity will not be responsible for any cancellations, delays, diversions, or any act or omission whatsoever (including the results thereof) by air carriers, hotels, transportation companies or any persons or entities providing any services or accommodations on the trip.

## 4. Scope of Practice

I understand and agree to adhere to the following rules:

- My scope of work while working or volunteering domestically or internationally cannot exceed what I am licensed for and/or authorized to do at a LLUH core corporation.
- If I am a student or resident, I must be properly supervised by a licensed professional.
- If I am working or volunteering internationally, I must work within the context of professional and quality standards expected of me in the United States of America.
- If I am working or volunteering internationally, I must follow the rules of the land, including any country-specific requirements for licensed professionals and students.

## 5. Trip Expenses

I agree to reimburse LLUH or its affiliated entity should they be held responsible for travel, room, board, legal, and/or other such expenses I incur while participating in an approved trip in excess of any pre-approved amounts, or amounts that I have prepaid, or for personal-related expenses. I will make arrangements for such reimbursement within (2) weeks of the

termination of my participation on this trip.

## 6. Expectations for Exemplary Conduct

In accordance with the policies of LLUH as well as the standards outlined in my employing entity's Employee Handbook and the LLU Student Handbook, all participants on LLUH-sponsored trips are required to adhere to the following standards of conduct:

- The consumption of alcohol and the use of tobacco or illegal drugs is prohibited.
- Sexual misconduct or harassment will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. If you are witness to or a victim of sexual harassment, please report the incident to your trip leader or LLUH contact immediately.
- Engaging in any political or unlawful activity under the laws of the host country is prohibited.
- Trip participants are expected to respect the practices of the Seventh-day Adventist Church while on the trip, which holds as a fundamental belief the observance of the Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday as a special day for worship and rest from routine work.
- Trip participants are expected to abide by the dress and cultural standards suitable in the cultures and environments visited.

I understand and agree that if I do not abide by said standards, or if my behavior and/or conduct is unreasonable, uncooperative, or disruptive in any way, that I may be required by LLUH and/or by host site authorities to leave and return home early at my own expense.

## 7. Photo and Written Material Release

I understand and agree that LLUH may publish photos, consultation reports, assessments, evaluations, anonymous survey comments, reflections, testimonies, and other work products of participants on this trip, including those of myself.

## 8. Medical Matters

Prior to departing on this trip, I understand that I am advised to consult with a health care practitioner of my choice in order to become familiar with the hazards that may be encountered during this trip, and to obtain the appropriate means of medical prevention or mitigation. I understand that LLUH cannot recommend all precautions appropriate for each individual.

I am aware of my personal medical needs. Whether or not I have exercised my opportunity to consult with a health care practitioner of my choice, I assure LLUH that there are no health-related reasons or problems, which in the exercise of reasonable care would preclude or restrict my participation on this trip.

I am aware that in the course of this trip, water and food sources may be contaminated; building, vehicle, and other safety standards may be less stringent than those encountered on the campuses of LLUH core corporations; and I may visit areas where certain biomedical hazards are present that are not encountered on the campuses of LLUH core corporations. I understand that providers of food, water, shelter, and transportation are not agents of, nor represented by LLUH. While traveling, I will exercise reasonable and/or recommended precautions with respect to food, drink, personal hygiene, personal conduct, and exposure to known risk factors.

If I am traveling internationally, I understand that the level of medical care available during travel or at the trip destination(s) may not be equivalent to the level of medical care available in the United States for the same or similar injury, illness, or disease.

I understand that it is my responsibility to confirm the coverage and limits of my insurance. I have arranged for whatever insurance I consider adequate to meet any and all needs for travel and medical purposes.

#### 9. Assumption of Risk and Release of Responsibility

This section only applies to (1) employees of a LLUH core corporation volunteering time/services, (2) active LLU students volunteering time/services or enrolled in an elective course, and (3) non-LLUH volunteers.

I hereby acknowledge the inherent risk of domestic and international travel and the fact that injury, death, illness, disease, hijacking, or kidnapping might occur during or as a result of my voluntary service on a trip sponsored by LLUH or any affiliated entity, and fully understand that the risks associated with such service may include, but are not limited to, injury, illness, or death by accident, disease, terrorist acts, criminal or political activity, civil unrest, natural disaster, adverse weather conditions, and inadequate medical care, and/or damage to, or loss of, personal property. In consideration of the benefits derived from being accepted for service, I hereby volunteer my services despite such hazards. I willingly assume these risks and I hereby waive any and all claims against the participating domestic and international organizations as well as the sponsoring institutions, their officers and employees, and the leaders of LLUH, for any and all causes in connection with the activities of the above organizations and individuals on the trip.

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless LLUH or any affiliated entity for any and all liability, loss, or other damage claims or obligations caused by or arising out of my intentional participation or negligent acts or omissions while participating in the trip.

By signing this Agreement, I expressly state my intention to voluntarily volunteer for humanitarian and religious objectives without contemplation of pay.

If I am a student, although I may have been encouraged to participate on an LLUH-sponsored trip for the sake of my personal growth, and even if trip participation has been made a condition of my major, degree, or graduation, I acknowledge that I have freely chosen LLU

and this trip to further my education, and thus my participation on this trip is purely voluntary.

## 10. Private Aircraft - Limitation of Liability

I understand that certain private aircraft do not carry adequate liability insurance that is in compliance with General Conference Working Policy. For this reason, I should secure appropriate personal insurance to cover my needs in the event of loss.

Loma Linda University Health assumes no responsibility and expressly declines liability for my use of private aircraft.

#### **11. Vaccinations and Medications** *This section only applies to international trips and travel.*

It is the responsibility of all travelers to obtain the appropriate vaccinations and medications before travel. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website – <u>http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/</u> – provides the most up-to-date travelers' health information and recommended/required vaccinations for travel to all countries. Travelers responsible for visiting a primary care physician or health care provider who specializes in travel medicine to receive consultation and recommendations concerning health issues and infectious diseases related to travel, and take preventative measures, including vaccinations and medications, prior to departure.

## **NOTES:**

- Many countries in Central/South America and Africa require that one presents proof
  of yellow fever vaccination upon entry into the country. Please carefully read the
  CDC's traveler's health information for the destination country to determine whether
  this vaccination is required.
- The Center for Health Promotion, located on the Loma Linda University campus, provides an International Travel Clinic. The clinic's experienced staff members advise travelers on disease risk and immunization(s) recommendations. The International Travel Clinic is offered every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. No appointment is necessary as this is a walk-in clinic (please call ahead if you are bringing in a group larger than 5 people). Consultations are available by appointment at other times. Please call the Loma Linda University (LLU) operator at 1-909-558-1000 and ask to be transferred to the Center for Health Promotion International Travel Clinic.

I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to ensure that I am properly vaccinated before travel on this LLUH-sponsored trip, and to obtain any necessary medications and preventative measures.

#### 12. Travel Alert/Travel Warning

#### This section only applies to international trips and travel.

It is the responsibility of all travelers to check the U.S. Department of State website (www.travel.state.gov/travel/) if a Travel Alert or Travel Warning is issued for their destination country or countries.

- A Travel Alert is issued to disseminate information about short-term conditions, either transnational or within a particular country, that pose significant risks to the security of U.S. citizens.
- A Travel Warning is issued when long-term protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable leading to the recommendation that U.S. citizens avoid or consider the risk of travel to that country, or when the U.S. government's ability to assist U.S. citizens is constrained.

I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to check the U.S. Department of State website before travel on this LLUH-sponsored trip. If a Travel Alert or Travel Warning is issued for my destination country or countries, I will fully read the risks and information contained therein.

#### I have read, understand, and agree to the statements and requirements outlined above.

Signature

**Print Name** 

**Destination(s)** Traveling To

Trip Dates

Date