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# APPLICATION PROCESS

## MAP MISSIONARY CANDIDATE

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### STEP 1

**Contact our Office:** Take the first step toward missions to the Amish and Plain people by contacting Mission to Amish People (MAP Ministry) at (419) 962-1515. We will then get acquainted with you in a brief telephone interview, answer your questions, explain service options and application procedures.

### STEP 2

**Visit the MAP Ministry:** Schedule a time when you can come by for a weekend visit. This will allow us to become acquainted with each other as well as get a feel for how God is working in your life.

### STEP 3

**Basic Application Form:** After step one & two have been completed we will go ahead and send you the following forms to be filled out and returned back to our office.

1. **Basic Application:** to be filled out and returned by the candidate (If married both husband and wife are required to complete this form together)
2. **Three Reference Forms per Adult:** references cannot be relatives of the candidate or their spouse.
  - **(If single)** please use the following people as references: (1) senior pastor (2) previous pastor (3) deacon or elder.
  - **(If married)** candidate is required to use the following people as references: (1) senior pastor (2) previous pastor (3) deacon or elder. Candidates spouse is required to use the following as references: (1) senior pastor's wife (2) previous pastor's wife (3) deacon or elder's wife.

When we receive all the forms, you are assigned a *Candidate Consultant* to work with you throughout the rest of the application process. Your consultant will present your application and information to the members of the Mission's Committee for approval. If there are further questions, your consultant will contact you for more information.

### STEP 4

**Comprehensive Application Form:** If the mission's committee approves to continue with the application process, we will send you the second set of forms that need to be filled out and returned back to our office.

1. **Comprehensive Application:** to be filled out and returned by the candidate (If married, both husband and wife are required to complete a separate form)
2. **Criminal & Financial Examination:** to be filled out and returned by the candidate (If married both husband and wife are required to complete a separate form)
3. **Doctrinal Position:** to be filled out and returned by the candidate
4. **Health Forms:** to be completed for each family member
5. **Life History Form:** to be filled out and returned by the candidate (If married both husband and wife are required to complete a separate form)
6. **Personality & Spiritual Gifts Assessments:** (If married both husband and wife are encouraged to complete)

Your consultant will present your final application and information forms to the members of the Mission's Committee for approval. If there are further questions, your consultant will contact you for more information.

### **STEP 5**

**Board Interview:** Once the application has been approved by the Mission's Committee, the candidate will be invited to attend a special board meeting for a face to face interview. This interview will include both spouses if married (children will not be included). If you have the Board's approval, we will move on to step six and seven.

### **STEP 6**

**Attend Missionary Training School:** Step six and seven can be taken during the same time. The training provided by the week long School in Spencer Ohio will greatly enhance the ministry and effectiveness of the Missionary and help prevent unnecessary struggles and heartaches.

### **STEP 7**

**Raising Prayer and Financial Support:** It is the missionary's responsibility to contact churches and raise their own prayer and financial support.

## **IN CONCLUSION**

The MAP Ministry as a whole will come along side to support you throughout the whole process of raising your support and entering the area of ministry that God has lead you: We will share ideas and materials with you that will greatly enhance your work among the Amish and former Amish people. By partnering up with the MAP Ministry you will immediately have the following areas of importance in place.

### **1. Ministry Staff**

These are people who share the same calling and burden that you have. They know and understand the Amish culture and will be able to help you as you reach out with the message of hope and eternal life.

### **2. Advisory Board**

The board members are made up of 10-15 men and women who meet a minimum of four times a year. Several men are full time pastors; some are from an Amish background; all have a heart for the ministry and are faithfully involved in their local church. They are all there to pray for you, encourage you, and give advice when needed. They are also their as accountability partners.

### **3. Treasurer**

The MAP Treasurer has been trained and understands the ministry aspect of finances. There are certain rules and advantages that ministers of the gospel have been given by the government when it comes to taxes and social security. Because the MAP Ministry is a 501c3 ministry, all your individual and church donors receive a tax receipt.

### **4. Secretary**

The MAP Secretary is available and has been trained to help you with paperwork and other parts of the ministry that may be too complicated for you to do on your own.