October 2013

Dear Mission Agency Representative:

The annual Missions Forum at Eastern University is approaching fast, and we would like to invite you to be a part of this exciting time at Eastern! You have a crucial role to play in providing students, staff and faculty with more information about missions.

This year, Missions Forum will be held October 23-25, 2013. We desire for each member of Eastern’s community to see that he or she can personally have a role in missions. You will have the opportunity to interact with students around your display, at scheduled events, and perhaps be invited to speak in some classes.

If you are interested in being a part of Missions Forum please return the enclosed registration, exhibitor contract, and registration fee ($30 per person per day). Note that the Missions Forum registration fee is in lieu of the standard $30 daily fee noted on the display agreement. Checks should be made out to Eastern University and mailed to: Attn: Megan Acedo, Office of Faith & Practice, Eastern University, 1300 Eagle Rd, St. Davids, PA 19087. Registrations can also be faxed to 610.341.1705. We are not able to provide housing, but here is a list of local hotels: http://www.eastern.edu/admissions/undergraduate/hotels-near-eastern

There are several benefits to registering early: Display space will be assigned in order of registrations received. Also your contact information will be circulated among faculty the sooner you respond.

We hope that you are interested in joining us and we eagerly look forward to your participation in this week. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. We look forward to hearing from you and may God richly bless you!

Grace and peace,

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Tentative Missions Forum Schedule, Oct 23-25, 2013

featuring Dr. Eloise Hiebert Meneses, Professor of Missions and Anthropology, Eastern University
Dr. Andrew F. Bush, Associate Professor of Missions and Anthropology, Eastern University

Wednesday October 23rd

- 10-10:50am Chapel, Dr. Eloise H. Meneses (Gym)
- 11am-5pm Missions Displays (upper Walton lounge and McInnis lobby)
- Noon-1:30pm Lunch and Presentation by Dr. Andrew Bush (Walton 2/Baird library)

Thursday October 24th

- 9am-5pm Missions Displays (upper Walton lounge and McInnis lobby)

Friday October 25th

- 9am-1pm Missions Displays (upper Walton lounge and McInnis lobby)
- 10-10:50am Windows on the World, Lisa Thompson, Director of Anti-Trafficking, World Hope International (McInnis Auditorium)
- 11:30am-1pm Closing Luncheon (Walton 2/Baird library)
Missions Forum
Oct 23-25, 2013
at Eastern University

Organization: ________________________________________________________________

Name(s) of representatives attending: _________________________________________

Email address for each attendee: _____________________________________________

Have you attended our Missions Forum before? yes / no If so, which years? __________

Mailing address: _____________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ______________________________________________________________

Phone: _______________ Fax: _______________

Organization’s web site: _____________________________________________________

Days (Wed to Fri) that you will attend: _____________________________

(Due to space limitations, we ask that a representative be present each day your display is set up.
If you can only be on campus a single day, please sign up for that day only)
Please list any other needs you may have for yourself or your display (you will need to bring your own audiovisual and computer equipment, extension cords, etc):

Please briefly describe the opportunities you provide for students interested in missions (a brochure would also be helpful):

Other comments or questions:

Registration fee calculation:

- (number attending) ___ X (# days)___ X $30 = __________

Please return this form, exhibitor contract and total registration fee (checks made out to Eastern University) to:

Attn: Megan Acedo
Office of Faith & Practice
Eastern University
1300 Eagle Road
St. Davids, PA19087
Exhibitor policies and guidelines

Exhibitor agrees to comply with the policies and guidelines of Eastern University and Student Development as specified in the contract.

1. Purpose or intention of exhibitor’s visit must be congruent with Eastern University’s mission. (Please read the following Mission Statement)

2. Student Development has the right to refuse rental of display space to any exhibitor whose display of goods and services is not, in the opinion of Student Development, compatible with the mission of the University.

3. Exhibitor’s services and/or products may not be credit card related.

4. External exhibitors and vendors are charged $30.00 for a table per day and will be limited to 3 days. (Note: this fee does not apply for Missions Forum registrants)

5. Eastern University has the right to assign space and location.

6. Exhibitors that generate income for the vendor must donate 10% of their proceeds to Eastern University’s Student Activities Fund.

7. There will be no refunds of registration fees.

8. In the event of cancellation by either the university or exhibitor, the exhibitor may choose an alternate date to exhibit (subject to availability).

9. Exhibitor shall only conduct market research activities from within space provided and not in any other area of the campus unless permission is granted by Student Development.

10. Exhibitor may not, under any circumstances, display or promote any goods or service other than its own goods and services of the kind described on the front of this contract.

11. Exhibitors must be responsible for obtaining any licenses, permits or approvals required under local or state law applicable to their activity.

12. Eastern University shall not be responsible for any loss of or damage to any property of exhibitor.

Exhibitor Signature ___________________________________________ Date __________________________
Mission Statement

Mission

Eastern University is a Christian university dedicated to the preparation of undergraduate, theological and graduate students for thoughtful and productive lives of Christian faith, leadership and service. The mission is confirmed and celebrated when graduates believe their way into knowledgeable action that influences their world in substantive ways.

Vision

Eastern University is dedicated to ideas, inquiry, and the development of people of faith who will enhance the quality of society and the church. Toward that end, Eastern will continue to expand its formative role in the world as a university in which knowledge and wisdom are imbued, Christlike engagement is inspired, and stewardship is modeled.

Foundational Commitments

Eastern University is dedicated to the following foundational commitments:

To excellence in scholarship and teaching:
We maintain a high priority on excellence in teaching within the context of exemplary scholarship and research. Guided by our faith in Jesus Christ, who is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), we believe in the unity of God's truth, whether supernaturally revealed or humanly discovered; we value the search for knowledge and understanding in all areas of life. Thus we desire to foster an environment in which:

- Students develop intellectual curiosity, passion, and agility, valuing the life of the mind and lifelong learning;
- Students develop their critical thinking, reflection, analysis, and communication skills;
- Students develop knowledge and competencies in the arts, sciences, and professions;
- Faculty are supported in and recognized for scholarship of discovery, integration, application, and teaching.

To the whole Gospel for the whole world through whole persons:
We recognize the Bible, composed of the Old and New Testaments, as inspired of God and as the supreme and final authority in faith and life. We submit ourselves to carrying out our mission under its authority and seek to apply biblical principles to all facets of human aspiration and action, including the centrality of personal transformation. We affirm the importance of calling all persons everywhere to personal faith and faithful discipleship in following Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, including living out the whole Gospel in a needy and lost world. Thus we seek:

- To enable students to develop a Christian worldview, grounded in the Scriptures;
- To enable students to discern the ethical consequences of decisions and actions;
- To foster an environment in which all members of the campus community desire and participate in their own Christian formation;
- To develop a campus community where all give witness to a Christian worldview, through action and voice, motivated to explore faithfulness to Christ through Christ-centered study, work, and living.

To justice, reconciliation, and transformation:
In our commitment to sharing the whole Gospel to the whole world, we acknowledge with sorrow the brokenness of the world at personal, national, and international levels. Thus we seek to work for Christian transformation, justice, and reconciliation, in all areas of life as these are grounded in our understanding of Christ's calling to us. We particularly seek to work with and for the poor, oppressed, and suffering persons as part of our Christian discipleship.

Thus we seek:

- To provide educational opportunities and financial aid as best we can for those with few or no financial resources to attend a private Christian university;
- To motivate students to assume responsibility for justice and to show a transformative influence—especially regarding social, political, and economic justice;
- To enable all members of the campus community to participate in opportunities for meaningful service, demonstrating love for God and neighbors and working towards justice.

To responsible leadership and stewardship:

We believe that our complex society needs leadership in all institutions that is intelligent, informed, insightful, ethical, strategic, and just. We are dedicated to graduating students whose wisdom, Christian values, and skills enable them to lead and manage such institutions, including those that are the most influential. Similarly, we commit to excellence in the leadership of Eastern and in the stewardship of University resources. Further, we believe that we are to care not only for people throughout the world, but also for creation itself as responsible stewards of the environment and other physical resources.

Thus we seek:

- To prepare students to live in an interdependent world, aware of societal and global problems and committed to engage in solving them;
- To engender the wisdom and character necessary for sound Christian leadership;
- To inspire all members of the campus community to care for creation as responsible stewards and to model that care in the use of University facilities and resources.

To Christian community:

Our commitments lead us to work towards shaping a campus community that embodies values of Christian witness, caring and compassion, justice and integrity, competence and affirmation. We wish to treat each member of the campus community with fairness, dignity, and respect, seeking a spirit of unity and harmony as we join together to achieve our common mission. Thus we seek:

- To foster genuine community, where individuals show compassion and friendship towards others in the spirit of Christian love;
- To help students increase in self-awareness and in their sensitivity towards others and others' needs and situations;
- To foster an environment where diversity is appreciated and reconciliation is practiced;
- To equip all members of the campus community to live well with one another, honoring, supporting, and affirming one another.