



What is a CMS Ireland Team?

CMSI Teams provide opportunities for individuals from CMSI link parishes to visit one of our partners in another part of the world, to experience life and work there and to sample something of a different culture. The teams can be a great encouragement to our partners and our hope is that they will inspire, challenge and enthuse the participants to engage more deeply in global mission. A CMSI Team involves training and preparation in the months leading up to a visit, the visit itself and some follow-up meetings after the visit has taken place.

Where & when?

The provisional dates for the visit to Nairobi in Kenya are **2 weeks in early August 2018**. Specific dates will be set once the team is selected and flight options are checked.

What?

All Saints' Cathedral/UDP would like 8-10 individuals who would be willing to establish and strengthen links between CMSI-linked parishes and the church in Nairobi. With a special focus on education this team would be especially relevant to Sunday School/Messy Church leaders with opportunities to engage with "Tujisaidie" - a thriving Primary School and Community Centre in the heart of Kayole informal settlement, following up on the CMSI 2017 Children's Resource "Growing in God".

Depending on the skills and interests of team members there will be opportunities to meet members of the community, help with school lessons, assemblies, practical work (e.g. painting), football training, young people's bible study, homework club and a community-run lunch club. There will also be time to engage with All Saints' Cathedral to experience some of their diverse and creative ministries, meet Provost Sammy Wainaina & members of the congregation.

How will the team prepare?

There will be three training/team building sessions prior to departure, which team members are required to attend: an overnight residential for all CMSI Teams – scheduled for 26th-27th January 2018, a training day on Saturday 14th April and a final team gathering/commissioning on a Sunday evening in June 2018 (date tbc).

What will it cost?

The cost is **£1,800/€2,000 per person**. This includes flights, travel insurance, visas, accommodation, food, training and preparation. The cost of vaccinations is *not* included. A £50 non-refundable deposit will be retained by CMS Ireland should you decide to withdraw from the team. Given the high costs, we encourage churches to help with fundraising.

Who can apply?

The team is open to any members of Church of Ireland or CMSI linked Parishes. Team members should be aged 18+. A minimum of 4 people is required to make up a viable team.

How to apply?

You can apply online via the CMSI website (www.cmsireland.org) or you can request a paper application form from CMSI's Belfast office. The deadline for applications is Friday **24th November 2017**. We'll then contact you with a date for an informal interview, which will take place in CMS Ireland's Belfast office or by Skype. If you have any questions, or would like to request an application form, please contact our Personnel Manager, **Gillian Maganda**, in our Belfast office – personnel@cmsireland.org; +44 (0)28 90775020