

# MEL TROTTER

M I N I S T R I E S

Dear Friend,

Thank you for considering Mel Trotter Ministries as your place of volunteer service. Since 1900, we have served the homeless, hurting and destitute of the greater Grand Rapids area. Each year we minister to over 15,000 men, women and children. The individuals we serve come from all types of professional and ethnic backgrounds. Many are impoverished, victims of drug and alcohol dependency, victims of domestic violence, unemployed and/or underemployed which often results in homelessness, and at-risk children. We believe that the best gift we can give is the hope that comes through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is always our desire to see each person and family restored. We meet the physical needs of food, clothing and shelter as well as the spiritual needs.

The *Mentoring Program* of Mel Trotter Ministries exists to develop relationships between residents and spiritually mature volunteers for the purpose of encouragement in spiritual growth and character development, accountability for tasks and attitudes, and assisting in the transition to society. Our mentoring program is a vital tool for the men and women who are transitioning back into mainstream society and we have found that with the right relationships developed **before** they leave Mel Trotter Ministries, their chances of living life successfully greatly increases.

Please prayerfully consider if mentoring is the direction that God is leading you. Although the mentoring position can and will be very rewarding, it will also take a significant time commitment on your part.

Restoring lives for the Kingdom,

*Vince Desmond*

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## Mentor Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name

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Address

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City, State, Zip

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Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

E-mail

address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church you attend?

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How long have you been attending \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered member? \_\_\_\_\_

Church address:

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Church phone:

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Pastor's name:

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**Spiritual References:** (We do contact your references, so please be sure to provide accurate phone numbers and/or email!)

	Name	Phone/email
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

Have you ever been convicted of a sexual assault crime? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you ever been convicted of child abuse? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you ever been employed by Mel Trotter Ministries? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain below with dates and a brief description of the situation:*

Please list any special classes or training you have had to help prepare you for ministry work:

What days are you available to meet with a mentoree?

\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_ Saturday  
\_\_\_ Sunday

I am available \_\_\_ Mornings \_\_\_ Afternoons \_\_\_ Evenings or other (please list)

Briefly share your testimony of salvation. (Be sure to include when salvation occurred!)

How do you maintain and grow in your relationship with the Lord?

Have you ever had a mentor and if so, how did the relationship help you?

What does it mean to you to be a mentor?

Why do you want to be a mentor?

Do you have any prior experience in being a mentor? If yes, when, where and how long?

Do you smoke? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do you drink alcoholic beverages? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do you use any drugs socially? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Explain **your** beliefs concerning the following:

- Heaven:

- Hell:

- Sin:

- God's hand in problems that occur:

How would you counsel a new Christian regarding the following subjects? (Please confine your answers to the space allotted.)

- Tobacco use:

- Alcoholic beverage use:

- Drug use:

- Dating:
- Premarital or extramarital sex:
- Living together without marriage:
- Marriage:
- Separation:
- Divorce:
- Remarriage:
- Homosexual practice:
- Movies:
- Dancing:
- Gambling:

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the inspired infallible, ultimate authoritative Word of God.

We believe there is one God, eternally existing as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is deity that He was born of a virgin, that we are redeemed by His atoning death through His shed blood, that He bodily resurrected and ascended into Heaven, and that He will come again in power and great glory.

We believe that men and women are saved only through a direct, personal encounter with the risen Lord, at which time they are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. This event we hold to be an experience rather than a doctrinal supposition.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whom Christ indwells each believer enabling him or her to live a godly life of obedience as he or she reaches for maturity.

We believe the Holy Spirit unites all true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and that together they form one body, the church.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer signature

## Mel Trotter Ministries Volunteer Agreement

Mel Trotter Ministries serves disadvantaged people in the Grand Rapids area through a Christ-centered, holistic program. Our primary goal is to restore these people to right relationships with God, their families, and society. We do this through crisis intervention and Biblical counseling, with the strategic support of concerned churches, organizations, individuals, and businesses.

The Mission requires volunteers to support the work, mission and *Statement of Faith* of Mel Trotter Ministries while they are donating their time.

The Mission's staff and volunteers are responsible for protecting the privacy of Mel Trotter clientele. No information about Mission clients is to be given verbally or in writing to agencies or people outside the Mission and no pictures are to be taken of clientele or guests without a signed release from the Mission and client/guest involved.

Volunteers are not to exchange personal information with the clients/guests of Mel Trotter Ministries (i.e. phone number, mailing address, e-mail addresses or any other contact information). It is also agreed that volunteers will not give gifts of any kind to clients/guests including money (dollars or loose change), clothing, personal care products, cigarettes, or any other items.

Mel Trotter Ministries maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding alcohol and/or drug use at any of the mission facilities for staff, clients and volunteers. Anyone determined to be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be terminated from the volunteer program immediately.

It is also agreed that volunteers will not receive any goods for the services they provide. It shall also be understood that volunteers are not to take any items (food, clothing, household items, etc.) from Mel Trotter Ministries without the written authorization from the director of the department in which they are volunteering. **If volunteers are caught taking any items from any department within the ministry without proper authorization, this will be constituted as stealing and your volunteer service will be terminated effective immediately.**

Mel Trotter Ministries Staff will occasionally photograph volunteers for the purpose of promoting the ministry. These photos could be used for promoting the ministry on the internet or in a publication.

As a non-profit agency, Mel Trotter Ministries does not provide liability insurance for volunteers.

I have read the above statement and am in agreement and understand that these policies are in place for the safety of the volunteers, clients and guests of Mel Trotter Ministries. **By signing this agreement, I am authorizing Mel Trotter Ministries to conduct a criminal background check.**

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Volunteer signature

Date

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Volunteer Coordinator signature

Date