Belonging to the World Church and Education for Ministry

You can apply for a *Belonging to the World Church (BWC)* grant if your annual or sabbatical leave includes an international experience. If you wish to seek *BWC* funds, the process is simple. Apply through your EM3 Training Officer, who will send you the appropriate forms. Once you have completed the forms, return them to your Training Officer. If your proposal is approved by your Training Officer, you are automatically eligible for a *BWC* grant. There are some important things worth remembering:

* The *BWC* grant is *in addition* to your normal EM3 grant;
* For travel in Europe (including the Holy Land) or North America the *BWC* grant is *up to* an additional £350.00;
* For travel outside of Europe and North America the *BWC* grant is *up to* an additional £750.00;
* You are entitled to *one* *BWC* grant every *five years*;
* The *BWC* grant is to **cover travel related expenses *only***, to include:
* International travel and local overseas travel
* Visa Fees and Processing
* Immunisations
* Travel insurance
* Airport Hotel (if necessary).

The Global and Intercultural Ministries Office is here to help you in two main ways. First, we can help in planning your programme:

* Discussing possible experiences and programmes in different international locations;
* Making initial contacts with our international church partners;
* Helping in programme development.

Second, the Global and Intercultural Ministries Office may be able to make your travel arrangements if necessary. And beyond doing the obvious things like booking flights and processing your visa, we will give you information on a number of other important items. For example:

* Information about the country you are travelling to (currency and exchange rate, weather, etc.)
* British Foreign Office information;
* Heath information and immunisation requirements;
* Visa forms;
* Risk assessments, particularly if you are travelling to a country experiences political and social unrest and military activity;
* Contact telephone numbers in the United Kingdom in case of an emergency;
* Things you should think about before, during and after your trip.

We will also keep a file for you in the BWC which will include photo copies of your immunisation record and the picture page of your passport (in case you lose them), next of kin contact information and so on. We will destroy this file once you have returned to the United Kingdom.

If you come to us for assistance, you will know precisely want we need from you and what we are doing. *However, if you are making your own arrangements, we would strongly advise you to follow our procedure*s *which you will find helpful.*

If you have any questions about your *BWC* EM3, please feel free to contact your Training Officer or the Global and Intercultural Ministries Office.

All the best,

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