# **Missions House Use Policy**

# APPROVED USES OF THE MISSIONS HOUSE

The Missions House, referred to hereinafter as "the House," was given to All Peoples Church, referred to hereinafter as "the Church" by a generous benefactor for the purposes of ministry. Upon our receipt of the House, we communicated that the House of the property would be three-fold:

- Use for recovery or rehabilitation of struggling people
- Use as a young person's discipleship house
- Use as a missionary care or pastor's parsonage on a temporary basis

# HOUSE USE GUIDELINES

As the House serves as a ministry house, owned by the Church, there are several guidelines that govern its use. Although not an exhaustive list, some of these guidelines include:

- The House may not be used for large public social gatherings (parties, weddings, etc).
- The address of the house should be kept private (off social media) due to its potential use as a recovery home in the future. The house is not to be geo-tagged or location-tagged online or via social media.
- The House may not be used as a personal mailing address of residents staying at the house less than 6 months. We suggest that these residents instead rent a private PO Box for a small monthly fee.
- Alcohol or tobacco may not be kept at the House.
- Pets must be approved by the comptroller
- Please do not tape anything to the walls in the house. Tape can leave a permanent mark.
- Please do not use the house grounds as storage for unwanted or unneeded items. This can great a 'junkyard' environment and leave the church responsible for things that are costly to remove. We are <u>not</u> accepting donated furniture or appliances at the house.
- There may be times during the use of the House that leadership of the Church deems, due to a special circumstance, that a person, family, or group may need to be guests in the home. House residents would serve as hosts to these special guests at this time.
- Use of marijuana, illegal drugs, habitual viewing of pornography, or participation in any activity that church leadership deems 'illicit' or 'immoral,' will result in immediate removal from the House.

### FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

### <u>Resident Responsibility</u>

- 2019 Lodging Rates:
  - $\circ~$  Single residents will pay \$150/month to stay in the House.
  - Families/Couples will pay \$300/month to stay in the House.
- Utilities

- Residents of the house are responsible for all utilities during their time in the house. Utility cost will be divided equally amongst adult residents.
- Be aware that your use of water, A/C, and heat will have financial ramifications for you via increased utility bills
- Cleaning and Wear/Tear
  - Residents are responsible for damage to the house beyond normal wear-and-tear
  - Residents will be charged a cleaning fee upon move-out commensurate with the cost of a professional cleaning service
- Important Tax Information
  - If a resident is using the house as a parsonage or is receiving some financial benefit from living the house it is their responsibility to account for this on their annual federal and state income taxes.
- Storage

• *Please do not* use the house to store furniture, goods, or extra items. The house is not available for storage <u>Church Responsibility</u> after missionary deployment.

- Provide a caretaker for the home
- Use house for donated purpose.
- Hold utility account
- Perform repairs and needed maintenance
- Pay for maintaining of grounds

#### **HOUSE POINT-PERSON**

Whenever the House is occupied there will be a resident that is appointed as the point-person who will serve as the communications link between House residents and operations staff of the Church. It will be the responsibility of this person to...

- Communicate maintenance and safety needs related to the house or property to All Peoples Church
- Approve any overnight guests in the house in writing, through All Peoples Church
- Hold residents accountable to the payment of rent and/or utilities
- Ensure House guidelines are honored appropriately

Please note that the point of contact for the Missions House is the All Peoples Church Comptroller - NOT our Pastoral team.

### **TEMPORARY HOUSE GUESTS**

Temporary house guests are expected to abide by the above policies. All guests must be approved by the Executive Pastor or Director of Operations.

A cleaning fee will be charged for all guest use.

- If the guest has been invited by an All Peoples ministry, the ministry will be charged the cleaning fee
- Staff or other approved temporary residents/guests will also be charged a cleaning fee. This will be a dollar-fordollar reimbursement by a professional cleaner

Guests are not able to stay in the house past 30 days. After 30 days guests become official residents and must pay market-value rent to live in the house and/or utilities.