**Essay Questions**

Please thoughtfully answer the following questions. They will assist you and the selection committee in discerning your call to serve at the Farm of the Child. When you have finished, please email your responses to missions@farmofthechild.org.

1. What motivates you to serve as a missionary?

2. After reading the mission statement of the Farm of the Child, why do you want to participate in this mission? What most challenges you about the mission statement?

3. Do you have any experience working with children who have experienced trauma? In what specific roles? What have you enjoyed most about your work/experiences with children?

4. What is your idea of community? Describe any experiences you have had living in community. Why do you want to live in an intentional community?

5. Describe a time when you’ve experienced conflict with another person (or group of people) & how you resolved it. Looking back, do you think you played a positive role? What might you have done differently?

6. Tell us a little bit about your spiritual formation to this point. Were you raised in a faith tradition? How have you practiced your faith? What tradition of your faith most enriches your spiritual life?

7. Do you desire to deepen your spiritual life? In what ways? Why?

8. What does Christ’s call to love your neighbor mean to you? What have you learned from your past service experiences? How do you foresee this helping you serve at the Farm?

9. Describe a time when you had to step outside of your comfort zone or do something that you didn’t want to do to serve others. How did you handle this situation?

10. What draws you to live simply? Describe any examples on how you live simply and intentionally in your current lifestyle.

11. What do you envision will be challenging about living in solidarity with the poor and marginalized in rural Honduras? How do you imagine yourself embracing these challenges?

**Questions & Mailing Information**

A member of our Missionary Committee is happy to answer any questions or provide more information about the Farm of the Child. Feel free to contact us at the following phone number or email address. Please send your responses to:

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