



## Requests for Letters of Invitation

This statement was taken from the US State Department website, June 2018:

"Evidence of your employment and/or your family ties may be sufficient to show the purpose of your trip and your intent to return to your home country. If you cannot cover all the costs for your trip, you may show evidence that another person will cover some or all costs for your trip.

**Note:** Visa applicants must qualify on the basis of the applicant's residence and ties abroad, rather than assurances from U.S. family and friends. A letter of invitation or Affidavit of Support is not needed to apply for a visitor visa. If you choose to bring a letter of invitation or Affidavit of Support to your interview, please remember it is not one of the factors used in determining whether to issue or deny the visa."

-The US Office will supply a letter of invitation, when the request is submitted no less than one month prior to the LWM Family Retreat registration deadline.

-Requests submitted less than one month prior to the registration deadline will not be honored.

-The US Office will use a standard letter of invitation, personalizing only with your identifying information such as your name and passport number. Schedules, churches to be visited while you are in the US, or other personal information will not be included.

-THE US OFFICE WILL NOT MAKE AN UNTRUE STATEMENT ON A LETTER OF INVITATION.

-The US Office will not supply a letter guaranteeing your financial support. Donations are not guaranteed financial support.

-Living Word Missions will not be party to any deception regarding immigration issues. LWM provides letters of invitation for conferences/retreats with the understanding that you will honor the guidelines of a tourist visa and you will return to your country of origin before the expiration date of the tourist visa.