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"The lay faithful are protagonists in the work of evangelization and human promotion... each member of the People of God is inseparably a disciple and a missionary."

~ Pope Francis, excerpt from his message during the Mission of Lay Christians in the City, 2014

Do you fulfil the basic requirements?

- Are you a committed Catholic aged between 23 and 40?
- Are you a British National/UK permanent resident?
- Are you willing to go to another culture and learn a new language?
- Are you able to make a three-year overseas commitment?
- Are you in good health at the moment?
- Have had pastoral work experience?
- Willing to work in a team?

What do we offer?

- A period of accompaniment of up to a year
- 9 months live-in training
- Mission assignment with a team for a minimum of three years
- A re-entry programme



Columban Missionaries

Columban Missionaries (Society of St. Columban) is a charity registered in England & Wales (221594) and in Scotland (SC038948)

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COLUMBAN LAY MISSIONARIES

Who are Columban Lay Missionaries?

Columban lay missionaries are a multicultural group of men and women who believe in the God of life and give witness by going overseas on cross-cultural mission for a minimum of three years.

This way of life involves leaving your own culture, and entering with respect and humility into another. It means learning a new language, living alongside the vulnerable and marginalised, sharing your experience of God, and searching with them for a greater fullness of life.



A Chilean lay missionary working with asylum seekers and refugees in Britain

What missionaries say...

'Mission for me is to keep searching the deeper meaning of life and its purpose, as we continue engaging with people where we are sent...'

Columba from Korea, serving in Myanmar, 25 years on mission

'On mission, it is not what I do and say that really matters. It is how I make people feel about themselves when I am with them'

~Angie from the Philippines, serving in Ireland, 16 years on mission

'We see in this process, God calling us to live the values of tolerating, respecting, supporting each other in our own family life, and from there, we will be prepared to carry out our mission.'

~ Mauricio and Nathalie from Chile, serving in Britain, 14 years on mission

'You are not here in China to convert the Chinese; you are going there to make yourself available to God'

*Bishop Edward Galvin,
Founder of the Society of St. Columban, 1918*

**Do you want to live in another culture?
Rooted in your faith?
In solidarity with the marginalised
and the exploited earth?**

'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation' (Mk 16:15)

What do lay missionaries do?

They share the Good News of Jesus and promote dialogue of life between Christians and those of other religious faiths, in parishes and in the wider community.

They engage in pastoral and outreach work with the youth, indigenous peoples, migrants and immigrants, victims of human trafficking, asylum seekers and refugees, people living with HIV and AIDS, and those who are victims of great injustices, poverty and violence.

They are committed to protecting the environment and caring for creation.



Filipino lay missionaries working with migrant and immigrant communities in Taiwan