

Pacific Yacht Ministries

Volunteer Core Values

Pacific Yacht Ministries (PYM) is a self supporting ministry affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. PYM is responsible for all projects it undertakes. Its charter is to minister to the health needs of Pacific Islanders. It is committed to offering medical and dental care and health education to people in areas where such services are not readily available. Such services are offered to people regardless of race, religion or creed.

While PYM is affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, PYM volunteers will not be involved in active proselytising. Such activity has the potential to create barriers for people of differing religious persuasions and may prevent them from accessing the services of PYM which is committed to relieving human suffering with nothing expected in return.

Because of the potentially destructive effects of alcohol, tobacco and recreational drugs on people's health and relationships, the Seventh-day Adventist Church promotes a drug free lifestyle. Such a lifestyle is also promoted by PYM in its dealings with Pacific Islanders. While volunteers may not personally share this value it is expected that they will maintain a drug free and alcohol free lifestyle during their service opportunity with PYM.

Given its support base, most who volunteer with PYM will have a Christian background and many will be Seventh-day Adventist Christians.

PYM welcomes any potential volunteers who are committed to serving humanity regardless of their religious background. It will be expected that all volunteers will be respectful of each other's beliefs. Daily prayer time as a team is an essential part of PYM's operations and as such all volunteers will be invited to participate. Non-participation due to one's personal convictions will always be respected. Seventh-day Adventists worship on Saturday and regard this day as a day of rest. All volunteers will be welcome to participate in worship services on Saturday. Individual convictions regarding Sunday as a day of rest will also be respected.

As PYM is regarded by those it serves as a Christian organisation it will be expected that all volunteers will conduct themselves in a way that is in keeping with Christian values. These values are perhaps best articulated in 1 Corinthians 13.

Volunteers who feel they can abide by the above values will be most welcome to serve with PYM.