



Application - 2018 Journey to Cuba Mission Discovery for Young Adults

DEADLINE: July 15, 2017

Dates: March 3-9, 2018

Approximate Cost: \$1100 per person

Description:

Mission Discovery is an initiative of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission to recruit, train and equip young people in the Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church to be mission team leaders in their local churches, annual conferences, or campus ministry settings. Young people ages 18-30(ish) are encouraged to apply. No prior mission trip experience or particular skill set is necessary to be an applicant - only leadership potential. Only 10 people will be chosen. Team meetings will begin in August and will be conducted by videoconference.

Team Roles and Expectations:

Rev. Tom Lank will be the leader of the journey. He is the Jurisdictional Coordinator for the UMVIM program and has significant experience leading international missions and in training team leaders. You will be preparing to lead your own team in the near future whether to Cuba or another destination of your choosing.

As a Participant-Leader, you will be expected to help organize the trip, plan and implement the budget, and offer devotions as needed. You will hold one another accountable with love and respect, remain open and flexible, and respect each other's space and needs while taking care of yourself. Each team member is expected to organize and lead a team of their own within 18 months of returning. Rev. Lank will be available to support Participant-Leaders following the Mission Discovery as they form their own teams.

Name: (exactly as it appears/will appear on your passport)

Address:

Date of Birth: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Best way to reach you: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Relation: _____

Phone: _____

Conference: _____

Bishop: _____

Local Church and Address: _____

Church Phone: _____ **Pastor:** _____

Insurance: yes or no

Provider: _____ Contract # _____

Do you have or can you obtain a passport? _____

Passport # _____ **Expiration Date** _____

Allergies: (please do not hold anything back, for example – dust, motion sickness, lactose intolerant, or wheat allergies, etc)

Special Dietary Needs: (If any, like, vegan, vegetarian, etc)

Previous Mission Experience: share any previous mission experiences you have had through your church, campus ministry, or other volunteer organizations (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary):

References

Please list at least three individuals who can serve as references for your participation in this mission experience. At least one reference should come from a pastor who knows you well and the others should be from individuals who know you well and can speak to the information requested.

1. (Pastor) Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

3. Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Living Conditions:

The journey to Cuba may be challenging for some. What coping skills do you have to deal with:

1. No internet, texting, or cell phone service?
2. Sharing bathrooms or sleeping quarters with many other people?
3. Power outages?
4. Homesickness?
5. Food that may be different from what you are used to?

Please check all applicable skills and explain, where appropriate.

Language(s) spoken other than English: _____

(This is *not* necessary, but helpful for team leaders to know.)

Work with children and youth, including recreational skills, storytelling, art, singing, crafts. Which is best for you? _____

Building/carpentry skills.

Please indicate your level of expertise: Fair Good Excellent Professional

Medical services. Physician Nurse First aid training CPR training

Singing in worship services. Solos Duets/trios/small groups With total group only

Playing a musical instrument (specify) _____

Preaching or giving a prepared talk/devotional

Photography/Videography (Explain) _____

After Mission Presentations: talks PPT presentations Videos News Stories/Articles

Other skills/abilities that will contribute to the team experience.) _____

Signature:

Your signature below indicates that you will be able to respect these roles and put aside personal needs for the needs of the team as a whole. Furthermore, you agree to stay with the team from beginning to end, to abstain from the use of alcohol and tobacco and drugs while on the mission, and to share your faith in an appropriate Christian manner.

(Signature) _____

****Submit a copy of your passport and your insurance card with this application****

Deposit:

A \$100 deposit payable to “UMVIM-NEJ” is due by **July 15, 2017**. This will be refunded if you are not selected to participate in the Journey to Cuba. Only 10 applicants will be approved.

Send completed application, \$100 deposit, copy of passport, and copy of insurance card to:

**Rev. Tom Lank
UMVIM-NEJ
568 Montgomery Ave.
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010**