CIA: MISSION PUERTO RICO

When: Leaving MSP Airport early on June 19th. Returning June 24th.

Who: CIA/Senior High Youth (those have completed 8th Grade by June 19th, through 12th Grades).

What: We'll be participating in a program run by Youthworks, a mission trip organization. You can check them out at youthworks.com

Cost: Maximum of approximately $1049.00. *see below FAQ about cost being less.*

- Transportation to/from San Juan, PR. (Approximately $500).
- $449 for Youthworks Program which includes service projects, lodging, & meals (lodging will be in churches or schools).
- $100 for ground transportation in Puerto Rico.

Register: Our registration is two steps.

1) Complete the online fill in form located here: *tinyurl.com/jnzhwse8*
2) Complete the form on the third page complete with $150 by November 18th.

FAQ

Puerto Rico? That's huge and big and I'm afraid for my young person!
Take comfort in knowing that Pastor Lyle is pretty well versed in travel and places. It's a very safe place to go. If it were not safe for us, Youthworks, a very large and experienced provider of mission trip experiences would not have a program there!

Puerto Rico? Where is that?
Puerto Rico is a US Territory in the Caribbean, about 1,000 miles from Florida. Since it's a US Territory, your young person does not need a passport.

Chaperones?
Absolutely. Generally our goal is coverage is 6 to 1, both male and female chaperones. We already have 4 scheduled/committed (2 males, 2 females)

How do we pay for it?
We bill/invoice as we accumulate costs. We ask all costs be paid two weeks before we leave. $1049 is approximate. It will likely be much, much less.

What? It won't cost the whole $1049?
Nope. We've got some irons in the fire that will very significantly take down the cost…
- Funds from our St. Stephen Endowment
- Pre-existing credits with Youthworks for our last cancelled trip.
- We have a bunch of United Airlines flight credits.
- Current airfares to Puerto Rico are running $360ish.
- Fundraising.
- Other tricks up our sleeve!

Fundraising?
Absolutely. We have quite a bit of fundraising. Announcements about fundraising opportunities will go on regularly and will be announced via mass email & text.

I have a friend that doesn't belong to St. Stephen. Can they come along?
Absolutely. We love friends from other churches… or even if they don't have a church! And we won't even strong-arm them/their family to join St. Stephen (we want their church to be successful too).

What? There's a firm deadline? I thought St. Stephen didn't work that way!
You're right! Typically St. Stephen does not work that way! But Puerto Rico is far enough away and there's quite a bit of moving parts going on related to registration & travel, that in order to plan we are going to keep firm on the deadline of 11/18 this time.

What about cell phones?
Let's see… sending your youth to a U.S. Territory where the majority language spoken isn't English… We think we'll keep your cell phone on your young person so you can contact them at anytime as that would be the good and prudent thing to do.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip
Participation and Health Form

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NAME/INFORMATION

Name of Youth: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Contact Information for Youth & Parents (If the Church doesn't already have
cell/email information): _____
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_____

INSURANCE

Do you carry family medical/hospital insurance? Y_____ N_____

Carrier Name: _____

Name of individual holding the policy: _____

Group Policy#:_____

Certificate Number: _____

MEDICATIONS

Medication Allergies: _____

All medications are the responsibility of the youth participating. If you bring any prescription medications,
fill out the following:
    Medication Currently Taking:
    Name Dosage Time to be Taken Reason for Taking

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    _____

    _____

    _____

I hereby grant my permission for my child to attend and participate in the St. Stephen Lutheran Church's mission trip from June 19th through June 24th, and to be transported to and from Minneapolis, MN. I also grant my permission, in case of an emergency, for medical attention to be sought by the chaperones for my child's group and/or the persons in charge of the trip. I understand that all efforts will be made to notify me immediately of any such happenings.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____