



January 2019

Dear Parents and Youth,

We are excited to announce that in the summer of 2019 the Imago Dei Youth Ministry has been invited by the Presbytery of Honduras to return to Tegucigalpa as we continue to build our Youth-to-Youth Missional Partnership. This will be our eighth pilgrimage in collaboration with Presbyterian World Mission and youth from the local Presbytery of Honduras. The youth and adult leadership are excited to continue our relationships with Christian communities, Honduran youth, and a variety of faith-based ministries in Tegucigalpa and surrounding regions. Our partnership with our friends in Honduras is based on four pillars...

Honest Dialogue: *We share ideas and communicate regularly. We are committed to respecting the culture, ideas, hopes, and values of each other as we follow Jesus together.*

Shared Mission: *We are always praying about and discerning creative opportunities to serve alongside our neighbors in Honduras.*

Mutual Learning: *Working alongside our friends in Honduras through service with local ministries and organizations, as well as conversations on living into faith in our won communities.*

Supportive Relationships: *Enhancing friendships among Imago Dei youth and Honduran youth through play, retreat, reading Scripture, and annual visits.*

The 2019 Missional Partnership trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras is still in the process of development and organization but the current details are below as you plan for next summer. We hope and pray your son and/or daughter will consider completing an application to participate in this year's partnership trip!

Grace and Peace,  
*Chris Clark*



## Eligible Participants

- Youth who will have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade through graduating 12<sup>th</sup> graders
- College age young adults
- Adults

## Registration Process

- Complete an online application no later than **February 24, 2019**.
- Submit \$300 deposit no later than **February 24, 2019** – checks made payable to *Westminster Presbyterian Church*.
- Attend the Parent/Youth informational meeting on **Sunday, February 24 at 12:30pm in The Cove**.

## Partnership Trip Requirements

- Attend all missional formation meetings, which are held on March 10, 31, and May 19 – each time we will meet from 12:30-2:00pm in The Cove. These meetings will help us thoughtfully prepare and reflect on what it means to engage in missional partnership with brothers and sisters in Honduras.
- Attend sendoff dinner for participants and their families on June 17 from 5:30-7:30pm.
- Participate in post-trip meeting at the end of the summer (date and time TBD)
- Participating in readings, conversations and activities that will help our team grow relationally, culturally, and spiritually.
- An updated passport is required for all participants.
- Completion of an updated *Permission and Medical Form* and the completion of a *Parental Consent and Notary Form*. Both of these documents are attached to this letter.

## Cost of Trip

- The per person cost is \$785. This includes airfare, local Honduran travel, room and board, project costs, and other related expenses.
- Trip deposit is \$300 (noted above). The remaining \$485 balance must be paid to the church by March 31, 2019.
- Both deposit and final payment are **non-refundable**. All checks should be made out to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

## Additional Information

We will be spending most nights at the Villa Gracia Retreat Center just outside of Tegucigalpa. Food, lodging, transportation, and mission projects will be coordinated by Dori Hajlmarson (PCUSA Mission Co-Worker in Honduras) and Alex Rodas (a mission team host employed by the Presbytery of Honduras).

Because this is an ongoing partnership which is growing year to year, we expect youth who are signing up to be regularly involved in some way in the life of Westminster. This could be through Sunday morning worship, Youth Group, Sunday School, Confirmation, or Youth Choir. While we will be spending a week together in Honduras, the nature of this partnership is one that lasts throughout the remainder of the year, even when we return home to West Chester.

We'll discuss the required immunizations for this trip at the informational meeting on Sunday, February 24.



**YOUTH MINISTRY PERMISSION SLIP AND MEDICAL FORM**

**VALID FOR AUGUST 1, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2019**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) hereby give permission for my child to participate in Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Chester, PA Youth Activities from August 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019 and release Westminster Presbyterian Church and the youth ministry leadership in West Chester, PA from any and all liability to me or my child as a result of his/her participation. Also, I understand that Westminster Presbyterian Church or the youth ministry leadership does not assume any responsibility for loss of, or damage to, personal property of participant. I understand that because of the nature of certain events, there may be times where my child will not be directly supervised by an adult.

I also acknowledge that by signing this form I grant permission to Imago Dei Youth Ministry and related staff to take photos and video for promotional and ministry related purposes only, e.g. website, Facebook, flyers, etc. If I wish to waive this permission, I will contact the Director of Youth Ministry in writing prior to the specified event.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical  
Issues/Allergies/Concerns \_\_\_\_\_

*This form is valid through August 31, 2019. Your child is eligible to attend regular programs, events, and gatherings of the Imago Dei Youth Ministry. Additional forms may be required on an as-needed basis depending on the requirements of retreat centers, organizations, or companies.*



## Parental Consent Form

**(For students who will be under 18 at the time of trip; must be notarized)**

To Whom It May Concern:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give permission for him/her to travel with Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Imago Dei Youth Ministry under the supervision of Chris Clark, the main chaperone for the trip, and the Imago Dei Youth Ministry leadership team. They are traveling to Tegucigalpa, Honduras and will be there from June 20-27, 2019.

Sincerely,

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Notary