



2020 PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

JUNE 20 - 27, 2020*

WHO ARE WE PARTNERING WITH?

Lutheran Social Service Puerto Rico and
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Each volunteer will fill out a skills worksheet to determine how they can best put us to work at the work sites. Projects may include debris removal, cleaning, repairing roofs, and painting.

AGE REQUIREMENT

14+

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION

Youth Participant Fee: \$500*

Adult Participant Fee: \$1,000*

**Includes airfare, lodging, food,
and activities.*

*Please see Amanda Olson or Mary Gehr if you are in need of scholarship assistance.

After airfare is purchased in spring 2020, the minimum trip cost cannot be refunded. If there is any possibility that you might be unable to participate, we suggest that you purchase travel insurance.

For questions about the trip, please contact:

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ABOUT OUR PARTNERS & RECOVERY WORK

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

PDA is the emergency & refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and they:

- Focus on the long term recovery of disaster impacted communities
- Provide training & disaster preparedness for presbyteries
- Work collaboratively with church partners internationally and nationally
- Connect partners with key organizations active in response work

www.pda.pcusa.org



SERVICIOS SOCIALES LUTERANOS DE PUERTO RICO

We will be staying at the Lutheran Camp Eduardo Roig, which is operated by Lutheran Social Services of Puerto Rico. The camp facilities are used for accommodating volunteers helping in disaster response efforts, and it is located about 15 miles west of San Juan:

www.google.com/maps/place/h8UTNUR8WAL2



HURRICANE MARIA, 2017

On September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico, devastating the island and plunging all of its 3.4 million residents into a desperate humanitarian crisis.

Around 130,000 Puerto Ricans have left home as a direct result of Maria's devastation.

As of June 2018, thousands of families were still displaced, living in shelters, with friends or relatives, or at hotels with assistance from FEMA. There are still many families living under the shelter of temporary blue tarps. Others are just beginning the slow process of reconstruction, as rebuilding materials are expensive and have been in short supply. While most people have regained access to basic essentials at this point, the road to recovery is long, and many residents still need help.

Source: www.mercycorps.org/articles/united-states/hurricane-maria-puerto-rico

PLANNING & FUNDRAISING TIMELINE

- January 12, 2020** Registration Closes (\$100 deposit due)
- February 7, 2020** Puerto Rico Talent Show & Fundraiser
- February 9, 2020** 1st installment of \$100 (youth) or \$200 (adult) due
- March 8, 2020** 2nd installment of \$100 (youth) or \$200 (adult) due
- Spring 2020** Participant Orientations & Team Building (2 sessions)
- April 2020** Ticketing/Forms Due
- April 5, 2020** 3rd installment of \$100 (youth) or \$200 (adult) due
- April 26, 2020** Silent Auction Fundraiser 2020
- May 1, 2020** GoFundMe & Social Media Fundraiser Begins
- May 3, 2020** 4th installment of \$50 (youth) or \$200 (adult) due
- June 7, 2020** Final installment of \$50 (youth) or \$100 (adult) due
- June 20-27, 2020** Puerto Rico Mission Trip
- June 28, 2020** Puerto Rico Mission Trip Worship
- July/Aug/Sept 2020** Puerto Rico Interpretation



TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS



WHAT DOCUMENTS WILL I NEED TO TRAVEL?

U.S. citizens traveling to Puerto Rico need only a government-issued form of photo identification. Acceptable forms of ID include a driver's license, a photo ID card, or a U.S. passport. Americans don't need a visa to enter or exit Puerto Rico.

INSURANCE

All medical care is the sole responsibility of the individual. Each individual needs to be covered by domestic medical insurance and it is recommended that individuals carry additional travel insurance.

IMMUNIZATIONS

As with all mission trips, it is essential that volunteers are up to date on all immunizations. Please check with your primary health care provider on the status of your vaccinations.

Each volunteer must also have a tetanus shot.

SAFETY & DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS + A PACKING LIST

It'll be important for us to respect the dress code of the Lutheran Camp Eduardo Roig. On work sites, they ask that we wear long pants (jeans or work pants), long-sleeved shirts, close-toed shoes, and personal protective equipment. Off work sites, we can wear shorts and t-shirts, but we must avoid tank tops and shorts must be no more than 5 inches above the knee.

More information about general health considerations, suggested packing lists, our accommodations and expectations will be discussed during trip orientations.

ABOUT PUERTO RICO



LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Spanish & English

CURRENCY

US Dollar

POPULATION

3.6 million

WEATHER

The climate is warm and tropical (i.e. expect an afternoon shower during the summer months) and the temperature varies between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

WHAT PR IS KNOWN FOR

Perfect beaches, live music, colonial architecture, wildlife-watching, diving & snorkeling, unique cuisine, diy hiking, pirates, history and art.

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