

WHO ARE WE PARTNERING WITH?

Lutheran Disaster Response and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Puerto Rico and local churches.

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+

Participants must be 14 years old, unless accompanied by a parent or signatory guardian.

CONTINUAL DISASTER RELIEF NEEDS IN PR

On September 20, 2017, life changed for millions of people living in Puerto Rico (PR). That's when Hurricane Maria, packing winds in excess of 155 miles per hour, slammed into the island. The Category 4 storm left millions homeless, destroyed the island's power grid, and killed thousands. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) have been walking alongside leaders of the island since before the hurricane.

Our group will also be partnering with a local church or churches in the development of a children's program and/or community outreach events. On most evenings, we will hear from a Puerto Rican living on the island as they share insights about topics such as: immigration and undocumented workers, political realities in PR, history of the island and its culture and economic concerns and current realities.

Our Southminster intergenerational mission trip will seek to plant seeds of kindness and understanding while making peace around the world. The kick-off for this mission trip will be January 30, 2022 with registration and deposit due on February 13, 2022. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us in making peace across the globe.



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JUNE 24
JULY 2
2022
PUERTO RICO
MISSION TRIP

PLANNING & FUNDRAISING TIMELINE

- February 13, 2022 Registration deadline (\$100 deposit due)
- March 25, 2022 Puerto Rico Zoom or Live Fundraiser
- March 6, 2022 1st installment of \$150 (youth) or \$300 (adult) due
- April 3, 2022 2nd installment of \$150 (youth) or \$300 (adult) due
- April 24, 2022 Silent Auction Fundraiser 2022
- May 1, 2022 Ticketing/Forms Due & 3rd installment of \$150 (youth) or \$300 (adult) due
- May 8, 2022 GoFundMe & Social Media Fundraiser Begins
- May 20-22, 2022 Participant orientation weekend (schedule TBD)
- June 5, 2022 Final installment of \$250 (youth) or \$400 (adult) due
- June TBD Final orientation meeting (schedule TBD)
- June 19, 2022 Commissioning Service at SPC & final orientation
- June 24-July 2 Puerto Rico Mission Trip
- July 3, 2022 Puerto Rico Mission Worship Service at Southminster
- Fall 2022 Puerto Rico Interpretation, meeting with groups to share experience & build awareness

FUNDRAISING GOAL \$25,000

ABOUT OUR PARTNERS & RECOVERY WORK

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) & LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE (LDR) & THE ELCA SYNOD, PUERTO RICO

- Focus on long term recovery of impacted communities and households.
- Provide training & disaster preparedness for presbyteries and local churches.
- Additionally, we will support local church community outreach programs (TBD).

LODGING

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

EXPENSES & REQUIREMENTS

THE SUCCESS OF THIS TRIP DEPENDS ON THE PARTICIPANTS' INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY INVESTMENT IN THE MISSION EXPERIENCE.

INDIVIDUAL COST

YOUTH = \$800

PARENTS & COLLEGE STUDENTS = \$1,200

ADULTS = \$1,400

SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AVAILABLE WHILE THE EXPECTED TOTAL COST OF THE TRIP IS APPROX. \$2,250 (INCLUDES AIRFARE, LODGING, TRANSPORTATION, FOOD, AND ACTIVITIES), INDIVIDUALS WILL PAY THE COST ABOVE.

ONCE AIRLINE TICKETS ARE PURCHASED IN THE SPRING, REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN.

PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

PAY THE INDIVIDUAL COST ABOVE. CONTRIBUTE TO ALL FUNDRAISERS AND ORIENTATION MEETINGS (SEE TIMELINE). VOLUNTEER OR PARTICIPATE IN 10 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, MISSION OR SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECTS AT SOUTHMINSTER (FEB - AUG 2022).

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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