

SCMYP Honduras Mission Trip 2018
Mission Team Application
June 22-June 30, 2018

Date: _____

Name: _____ Age/Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Home Church *: _____

Briefly tell us about your faith journey including any previous mission experiences: _____

Why do you wish to be a part of the Honduras Mission Team?: _____

What are your expectations for this trip experience? In what areas are you hoping to grow? _____

What are some of the gifts you feel you would bring to this group experience? _____

*pastor of home church will be called as a reference

****please return completed application to Chris Lynch - Honduras Mission Trip 4908 Colonial Dr. Columbia, SC 29203 ASAP.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is the trip? The mission trip to Honduras is June 22-June 30, 2018. Participants and leadership will gather on June 22nd and travel to our departure city (which will be determined based on flight) and spend the night in a hotel, then be shuttled to the airport early on the 23rd. We will return on June 30th.

How much will it cost? The total cost for the trip is \$2000/person which includes the mission experience, air and ground transportation, lodging, supply fees, and more. The only items not covered will be a few incidentals along the way and the cost of your passport. Our vision for the trip is that a participant's home church would invest in their young person by covering 1/3 the cost of the trip. Our hope is that the participant would raise ½-2/3 the cost of the trip by seeking donations from friends and family. We will aid participants in fundraising by providing sample donation letters and other fundraising ideas. We want participants to work to raise the money for the trip, but we do not want the cost to prohibit anyone from attending. We will work with participants who need additional support through scholarships and grants from districts and other sources

Who is eligible? Young people (age 16-22) who are active members of a United Methodist congregation in the SC Annual Conference are eligible to apply. Applications are due to the Conference Office for review and selection by March 1st. Each district will select 2 applicants to be a part of the mission trip for a total of 24 young persons from across the SC Annual Conference.

Who will be leading the trip? There will be a group of at least 4 adults from the SC Annual Conference participating in the trip to lead, engage, and work alongside the young persons who attend. Chris Lynch, the conference staff person for young people's ministries will be the point person for the trip. We are pleased to announce that our very own Bishop Jonathan Holston will be a part of our mission team as well. All adults serving in a supervisory capacity will be required to comply with the Conference Safe Sanctuary Policy.

Do I need anything special to travel to Honduras? Visitors to Honduras need a valid passport issued by the country of citizenship. US citizens must have a minimum of 180 days of validity remaining on their passports at the outset of their trip. No other documentation is needed for US citizens.

Are there other parties involved? We are partnering with Honduras Outreach International (HOI) to make this trip the most effective it can be. HOI has been involved in sending short-term mission teams to Honduras as well as Nicaragua for years. By partnering with HOI, we will be able to benefit both from their experience coordinating these type trips as well as their connections and relationships with locals in Honduras. In addition, we will be teaming up with other young people from the Kentucky Annual Conference. Partnering with the Kentucky Annual Conference will offer young people and adults alike the opportunity to experience the power of connectionalism that exists within the United Methodist Church and simply a chance to meet and experience this trip with new friends.

What kind of mission work will we do? Specifically, we won't know until closer to our trip. What we do know is that the work will be two-fold: both construction work (much like a Salkehatchie camp) and relational (through VBS-type events). HOI states it this way:

Mission trips with HOI are designed to build more than latrines. Building relationships between mission team members and Hondurans is a key objective to the HOI Mission Team Program. Missionaries work side by side with the residents of the community