



A picture of the group from 2017

### **Mission Jamaica 2019**

**Dates: June 18 – 25**

**Estimated Cost: \$1,550 (\$100 is to help pay for the house we will build.)**

**Passports will be needed. (Adult passports are \$110, \$25 to Post Office and \$15 for picture. Youth passports for 16 and under are \$80, \$25 for Post Office and \$15 for picture. Please have them by Jan. 1, 2019)**

**Please return registration form with a \$100 deposit made out to CLC Youth.**

I have known about the work at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, MN for years. They have done what few congregations have done, establish their own international mission and offer their members and other congregations, colleges, youth and adults, a life-changing short term mission opportunity. Jeff Peterson, their full-time staff person for their international missions, offers adults opportunities January through April each year and three weeks of opportunities for youth in June--before hurricane season begins. Jeff tells me that 75% of the adults that sign up return. We are now part of that 75%. We had an awesome experience last summer and before we left we told Jeff we would be back. I have talked to Jeff Peterson. Jeff is their full-time staff person for their international missions, but in his former life Jeff was a contractor, skills totally needed in this position. He knows us from a year ago, and now knows just how hard our group works, so next summer, besides the other projects he has for us, he is going to let us build a house. The house will be 22 feet by 12 feet with a bathroom in the corner, not exactly what we would call a house, but someone in Jamaica will feel incredibly blessed to have it.

Like a year ago we will be flying out of Milwaukee. Undoubtedly it will be an early flight. The trip is from Tuesday to Tuesday because Tuesday is the cheapest day to travel. Our lodging and meals will be provided for us. Don't expect air conditioning. Jeff says we may be staying at the same place as two years ago. We work for four days and play for two with a few fun things to do evenings the days we worked. That was plenty. We worked hard and in the heat and often times food, the pool, ping pong, and a place to hang out was all we needed to be happy. We want youth, of course, to sign up, but this is also an opportunity for our college-age young adults, as well as parents, and any member of the congregation. We always plan a number of fundraisers that will significantly reduce the cost of the trip. Additional scholarships are also available.

## Cost and Fundraising...

### In the past few years with 28 participants each have earned...

- \$250 from the Garage/Bake Sale/ Silent Auction in March (Each participant is expected to work 10 hours.)
- \$400 from Group Fundraisers (Pie Sale and Silent Auction in November and December, Lenten Suppers, Sock Hop and Car Show, Easter Breakfast and Syttende Mai Brunch) This year we are also adding the October Fest. The Breakfast for the Playground Equipment is our first event September 30. You are all expected to sign up for at least one major clean-up and stay till the job is done. Last year the money raised was equally distributed among participants. **This year we plan to keep track of events and hours worked by each individual and divide the money accordingly. If parents help out their hours are also counted towards a youth's total. The Youth Committee thought this would be a more equitable way to distribute the funds.**
- In the past some youth have also received additional help from individual donations from congregational members. **Please do not allow financial worries to stop you from signing up.**

Final payments are due by May 1. The unknowns in the fundraising is funds that we may receive from the Lutefisk Committee. They are more than willing to give. Two years ago I itemized our participation and came up with 165 hours. They need our help! Participants are expected to sign up to help for two shifts. Each shift is about 2 ½ hours. Last year the Lutefisk Committee gave each participant \$100. If Saturday, December 1 does not work out, there are opportunities to help out before the event. (Meatballs, Rutabagas, etc.) We also receive funds from the CLC Endowment Foundation and bake for the WWAM Bake Sale. In the past years they have given us \$2000 to go towards the trip.

**Last year's trip was \$1,205. This year's trip is \$1,550. If you have any creative fundraising ideas, please feel free to share them.**

**Registration Form You may also register on line. Please return with a \$100 deposit for the airplane tickets by October 15. It's important that we have time to locate the cheapest airplane tickets. Please let us know the most effective way of contacting you.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/ Guardian's cell phone numbers \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

My child has my permission to participate in CLC's Mission to Jamaica 2019. He or She understands it will involve fundraising events and will participate. I, too, am willing to do my part.

Parent or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

