



2019 MISSION TRIPS





In the following pages you will find information about all of Westminster's upcoming mission trips. There are multiple opportunities for youth and adults as near as Philadelphia and as far away as Honduras. There are new opportunities such as the Second Wave Disaster Recovery trips in North Carolina. There are also longstanding partnerships such as the Estado 29 orphanage in Mexico. Whether you've never been on a mission trip or have been on dozens, we hope you will join us!

All the mission trips are subsidized through our Mission Trip Fund so that the price you see advertised is the price you pay. However, there is additional money available to **FULLY FUND** first time mission trip participants as long as funds last! So sign up soon!

2019 Mission Trips:

- Estado 29 Orphanage Mexico Partnership
- Honduras Youth-to-Youth Partnership
- Living Waters for the World, Honduras
- Intergenerational Washington D.C. Mission Trip
- Shaped Conference
- Second Wave Disaster Recovery Mission Trip, North Carolina



Estado 29 Orphanage Mexico Partnership

July 19–26, 2019

Cost: Between \$400-500, dependent upon the cost of plane tickets

Who Can Go? Anyone who has completed 6th grade or older. Youth who haven't completed 9th grade must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Register by February 10: bit.ly/2FweeFb

This trip focuses on our International Covenant Partnership with the Estado 29 Home for Children near Ensenada, Mexico. The primary focus of this trip is relationship building. Participants will enjoy taking part in the daily life of the community, fellowship and shared projects between Estado 29 and Westminster. Questions? Contact Jon Frost (jfrost@westminsterpc.org)

FAQs

- **Do I need a passport?** Yes!!!, everyone must have a passport!!!
- **Where do we sleep?** The orphanage has guest dorms that are divided by gender. There are bunk beds with a cover sheet. You do need to pack a sleeping bag.
- **Does it matter that I don't speak Spanish?** No. It does help, but there are enough translators to help you out.
- **Is the water and food safe to drink and eat?** Absolutely. All the drinking water is purified and food is bought from SMART AND FINAL, a California super-store.
- **Is the orphanage safe?** The orphanage is a gated community in a very safe rural area, about 20 minutes from the city of Ensenada.
- **Do I need shots?** While we do not require shots, we recommend that you contact your family doctor or a travel health clinic for more info if you are concerned about medical issues.



Honduras Youth-to-Youth Partnership

June 20-27, 2019

Cost: Between \$700-800, dependent upon the cost of plane tickets

Who Can Go? Youth who have completed 9th grade-college students

Register by February 24: bit.ly/2QNFVeM

This partnership is the covenantal relationship between the youth of the presbytery of Honduras and the youth of Westminster. A part of this partnership includes traveling to Honduras for a week over the summer and includes staying connected with friends in Honduras throughout the year. Through mutual learning, shared mission, honest dialogue, and supportive relationships with our brothers and sisters in Honduras, our youth discover what it means to participate in God's Kingdom in Honduras and at home. Questions? Contact Chris Clark (cclark@westminsterpc.org)

Where do we stay?

We typically are lodged at Villa Gracia, a PC(USA) retreat center just outside of Tegucigalpa. It's also not uncommon to spend a couple nights in a local hotel.

What do we do?

We spend time growing in relationship with one another through conversation, prayer, and play. We engage in hands on service activities, organized by our Honduras friends.

What about safety?

Our hosts in Honduras take our group's safety and well-being very seriously. We only travel and stay in areas where we know our group is secure.

Are there any pre-trip requirements?

Our team meets several times before our trip to prepare ourselves culturally and spiritually. We'll engage in conversations to help us build some cultural awareness and open our hearts to the ways in which God is already present and active in Honduran communities.



Intergenerational Mission Trip to Washington, DC

July 14-18, 2019

Cost: \$300

Who Can Go? Anyone who has completed 4th Grade or older

Register by March 31: bit.ly/2Rt15E8

On this trip participants learn about urban poverty issues and serve poor and vulnerable residents of Washington, DC. They also engage in dialogue with those experiencing homelessness, and have the opportunity to visit our senators and congressional officials to talk about issues of hunger and poverty in the US. Questions? Contact Ann Hatfield (ahatfield@westminsterpc.org)

What will we do?

- Each day will include service, worship, fellowship, and educational components.
- Service and educational opportunities will be age appropriate (i.e. child/family friendly, and suitable for youth or adult).
- Schedule depends upon age and interests of participants. If there is sufficient interest, a special poverty education and advocacy track will be created.

Where will we stay? We will be housed in The Pilgrimage, which is a hostel type facility at the Church of the Pilgrims. Beds are bunk style, and participants will be divided by gender. There is a large kitchen and gathering space where we will share meals and fellowship. For more information, please visit www.thepilgrimage.org.



Living Waters for the World

Late Summer or Fall 2019

Cost: Approximately \$800, dependent upon the cost of plane tickets

Who Can Go? Open to all adults

Register: Contact Jon Frost (jfrost@westminsterpc.org)

(LWW) is a partnership between Westminster and various communities in Honduras in order to implement and operate sustainable water purification systems and health education programs. The partnership involves week-long installation trips as well as follow up visits to ensure the systems' continued operations. Questions? Contact Jon Frost (jfrost@westminsterpc.org)

Outside of the installation trips, there are opportunities to attend week-long training sessions put on by Living Waters for the World at Camp Hopewell in Mississippi. At these trainings, you can choose one of three tracks: Project management, Water health education, or Water system construction and installation. These trained leaders become the leaders for future installation trips. These trainings are fully funded by the church. If you are interested in these Clean Water University trainings, please contact Jon Frost (jfrost@westminsterpc.org)



Shaped Conference

July 29–August 3, 2019

Cost: \$360

Who Can Go? 6th-8th Graders

Location: Eastern University

Register by April 14: bit.ly/2D9SvBl

Shaped is more than a youth conference, it's an experience. A youth experience designed for the next generation of middle schoolers from all across the nation, gathering for the purpose of experiencing the gospel through the discovery of a loving God in worship, art and mission. We will be staying at Eastern University in fellowship and community. Questions? Contact Chris Clark (cclark@westminsterpc.org)

What is Shaped?

Shaped is a week of learning, loving, and creating together as a community. We serve a compassionate God and so we compassionately serve. At Shaped, we will explore and express who we are through worship, art, mission, and of course fun, laughter and games.

What is the theme and what will we be doing?

This year's theme is Secret Identity. As we move through the week, we'll be participating in morning and evening worship, afternoons of community service, and a variety of different art workshops.



Second Wave Disaster Recovery Mission Trips

March 24-30 • April 7-13 • May 5-11 • Oct. 5-12 • Oct. 13-19 • Oct. 20-26

Cost: \$175

Who Can Go? Anyone who is 18 years and older.

Register: Contact Ann Hatfield (ahatfield@westminsterpc.org)

Teams of 16-22 people (18 years and older) will participate in various construction projects for homes damaged in recent hurricanes in Wilmington, North Carolina. The housing for the volunteers for all six trips will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, NC, which has been identified and approved through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Identifying specific work sites, construction projects and work oversight will be managed by Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM) – whose mission is to make people safer in their homes. WARM was founded in 1996 and serves low-income home owners (warmnc.org). Questions? Contact Ann Hatfield (ahatfield@westminsterpc.org.)

Day One

- Travel by vans/cars to Wilmington, NC
- Welcome and Orientation by PDA and host site

Day Two-Five

- Participate in various rebuilding projects for homes damaged in recent hurricanes

Day Six

- Complete unfinished construction projects and clean rebuilding areas
- Travel home by vans/cars