The Bi-District Youth Council is pleased to announce our 4th Biennial Mission Trip to Costa Rica!

WHEN: July 21 – 30, 2018

WHERE: La Fortuna, Alajuela, Costa Rica

COST: Approximately $1500 per participant

$100 due with application, Jan 31st/$500 due February 28/$500 due March 31st/$200 +/- Final payment due April 15th. Includes lodging, most meals, mission costs, airfare, exit fees. Does not include excursion and passport costs and meals on travel days. Final costs will be established by March 31 once airfare purchased.

DETAILS: This is a trip designed to provide an entry way to international missions for smaller UMC youth group in NoVa. We will be based at Campamento Casi Cielo in La Fortuna. There, we will have the opportunity to work with children in their schools (practicing English/Spanish, playing games during PE) and work with children living in an orphanage. We will also be traveling to a northern village near the border of Nicaragua where migrant workers and undocumented people are living. We will be helping to build a church and upgrade the dirt-floored shanties that many people are living in.

There will be an interest-meeting for anyone who is interested in learning more about this mission, at Sudley UMC, 5308 Sudley Rd, Manassas VA on Sunday, January 7, 2018, from 2-4pm. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Please email debangerman@aol.com to RSVP for Interest Meeting
Alexandria and Arlington District UM Youth 2017-2018

“Bringing Agape to the World”

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:24-35

Costa Rica Summer Mission Trip – 2018 – GENERAL INFORMATION

What: UM Youth of Northern Virginia Costa Rica Mission Trip in partnership with Casi Cielo Campamento Cristiano and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission

When: July 21-30, 2018 (9 nights/10 days – includes two travel days and two days for sightseeing)

Who: College and High School age youth who are active in their local United Methodist Student Ministry and their adult leaders. Local church youth groups sending more than one youth must also send adults at a ratio of 1 to 7. All adults must have completed criminal background checks.

Where: Base camp will be Casi Cielo Campamento (CCC) in La Fortuna, Alajuela, Costa Rica (about 70 miles north (2.25 hours) of the international airport in San Jose. Will also be working in Medio Queso, a village near the Nicaraguan border.

Why: To witness, share and receive God’s love in new and profound ways; and, to experience the work of the church in another culture and part of the world.

How: We will travel by air to San Jose, Costa Rica (passports with expiration dates later than January, 2019 required) and then by ground transport to CCC in La Fortuna. We will work with children in La Fortuna and help build a church and upgrade living conditions for migrant workers in Medio Queso.

Cost: Approximately $1500 per participant (possibly less). This includes round trip airfare to San Jose Costa Rica, all lodging and meals in La Fortuna and Medio Queso, mission project support, ground transportation to and from the airport and around the Alajuela region as needed, translators, personal insurance with UMVIM, and a one day sightseeing trip. The breakdown is as follows: $925 lodging, meals, project, transportation and local sightseeing in Costa Rica; $350 - $500 for round trip airfare to and from San Jose, Costa Rica. All figures are best information October 2017. The Costa Rica expenses are fixed. The airline costs are the variable – can’t book until we know who is going. We will seek group rates and book flight when we have our team set.

Registration: Submit completed Bi-district Mission Trip Registration and Bi-district Covenant forms with $100 non-refundable deposit/per participant (checks payable to UM Joint Account) and send (as a group packet from your local church) to Deb Angerman, Sudley UMC, PO Box 96, Catharpin, VA 20143 by January 31, 2018.

Suggested Payment Schedule: January 31, 2018 Registration, Covenant and initial $100/participant due February 28, 2018 $500/participant due March 31, 2018 $500/participant due April 15, 2018 Final payment due ($200+/- TBD once we know airfare)

Interest Meeting: There will be an informational meeting at Sudley United Methodist Church on January 7, 2018 from 2-4pm for anyone who would like more information about this mission.

Team Meetings: Will occur monthly, starting in February to build a team spirit and learn about Costa Rica, its rich culture as well as turn in forms and decide on the weekend excursion. Meetng dates: Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 15, May 20.

Questions: Contact Deb Angerman, 703/898-8018, or debangerman@aol.com
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Costa Rica Summer Mission Trip – 2018 – APPLICATION FORM

(Instructions: please complete this and print a copy to return with your deposit)

Name (exactly as it does or will appear on your passport): __________________________________________________________

Preferred first name: ___________________________ Email: ______________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Contact Information (provide all that apply):

Your Home Telephone: (_____)(______)______ Your Cell: (_____)(______)_______

Youth: parent(s) email address: __________________________/________________________________________

Youth: DOB ______/_____/____ Year in School ___________ Age ______ Gender __________

Adults & Youth: Do you have a US Passport? (please circle) Yes / No What is the expiration date? ___/___/____

Adults & Youth: Date of last tetanus shot: ___/___/____ (must be within 10 years. Costa Rica is considered a safe destination by the US State Department. No special shots or prophylactic treatments are required to travel there, however your doctor may recommend some treatments based on your health history. Our team requires that all participants be up-to-date on routine vaccinations before leaving the US. See http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country/costa-rica.html and http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/chronic/costa-rica?s_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001 for more information.)

Adults: How many years have you worked with youth/youth fellowship/ministry? ________________________________

Adults: Have you had a criminal background check done? Yes / No Date of Last Criminal Background Check ___/___/____

Name of Church __________________________________________ Pastor __________________________________________

Youth Director/Leader ________________________________________________________________

Have you participated in other mission trips? (please circle) Yes / No

If yes, what was the last trip and what was most meaningful about it for you?

When you return from this trip will you be intentional about setting dates and times to reflect and share with others (adults, youth, family, congregation) about what you discovered about yourself, God, Costa Ricans? (please circle) Yes / No

What is one way in which you might do this?

Who will hold you accountable to do this?
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Costa Rica Summer Mission Trip – 2018 – COVENANT AGREEMENT

(Instructions: please complete this form, print a copy and return with your deposit)

Covenant:
Remembering who I am and holding Christ as my example:

I will show respect for myself, my team members and our host community in all possible ways and by refraining from the use of alcohol, tobacco and all substances whose use is unhealthful and illegal in the U.S.

I will be sensitive to the needs, mores and manners of our host community and those of my team members and refrain from all that might be offensive to others in speech, dress and behavior.

I will be a good steward of this opportunity and participate fully in all planned activities, projects, discussions and worship. I will make my safety and that of my team a high priority and avoid misusing tools, equipment and resources. I will keep an open mind, reflect on this experience and share my reflections and discoveries with my team, family, friends and home church.

I will stay open to the movement of the Spirit in my life and seek the joy that comes in serving God’s purposes and mission.

Participant signature ___________________________ Date ____________

Parent signature (for student participants under age 21) ___________________________ Date ____________

Please submit the completed Registration Form and Covenant Agreement along with the initial non-refundable $100 deposit (checks payable to “UM Joint Account”) to your youth leader by Sunday, January 28, 2018. Entire packet due to Deb Angerman, CR Team Leader, Sudley UMC, PO Box 96, Catharpin VA 20143 by January 31, 2018.