

**Epiphany United Methodist Church**

**Senior High Mission Trip**

**June 21-28, 2019**

# **WEST VIRGINIA 2019**

**SENIOR HIGH  
9TH-12TH GRADE**



**INFORMATION PACKET**

## EPIPHANY UMC SENIOR HIGH STUDENT MISSIONS TRIP WEST VIRGINIA: June 21-28, 2019

### Who Should Sign Up? The Faithful, Available, Teachable

Students currently in grades 9-12 who want to participate in this trip must understand the hard work that will be involved. The work that we will be given will be strenuous. But the reward of knowing that you contributed to minister to someone who needs help will be significant. Keeping this in mind, any student who wants to be considered for the CUBA trip must do 4 things to qualify for official CONSIDERATION to participate:

- A.) Fill out the **ENTIRE** application by Sunday, March 3, 2019.
- B.) Turn in a \$100 non-refundable deposit (pending your acceptance to the team).
- C.) Commit to being active in our Student Ministries if you are not already involved. We want you to begin experiencing missions here first and get to know other students before we head out for our trip!
- D.) If you have never been on one of our trips you will need to complete an interview with Scott

After these 4 steps are accomplished, a tentative decision will be made with the Student Ministries Leadership Team on the participation of each student. If there are any concerns or questions we will direct them privately to the parents and the teen in question.

### The Who, What, When, Where, Why and How:

For a more detailed understanding of the mission project and what to expect then go to <http://www.prayingpelicanmissions.org/>

### WHO? (The Host Organization): Praying Pelican Missions

## About Us

Praying Pelican Missions has had over **12,000 short-term missionaries** serving in over 200 different communities throughout Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Africa, and parts of the USA. We have had teams join us from all over the United States and in Canada. Each year, there is sufficient need to open the doors to 20 new communities. Now, more than ever, we need people to do God's work in these communities.

### Christ-Centered

Our vision is to be a short-term mission organization that glorifies Jesus Christ in all that we do. We want to create an environment that impacts our own people as much as the people we are ministering to. Praying Pelican Missions provides daily devotionals for our participants and encourages teams to use them. We hold nightly meetings with our groups with a time of worship and reflection of what God has done each day throughout the week. We believe that when Christ is at the center of all we say and do, communities are blessed, and above all God is glorified!





## Hassle Free

When you [sign up](#) for a Praying Pelican Missions trip, members of our staff provide you with everything that you need to prepare for your trip up to the day of departure. When participants arrive in their host location, on-site Praying Pelican Missions staff members guide your group according to a trip [itinerary](#) that has been arranged prior to the trip. We focus on logistics and safety so you can focus on doing what you are there to do.

There are so many ways to serve on a Praying Pelican Missions trip. Many different [ministry options](#) are available from Mercy to Service, so we are certain to find a way to glorify God that fits everybody's gifting.

Your trip can be simple yet purpose-driven, or it can be service and educational - we can offer a range of experiences for you and your group! Churches or [hotels](#), local cooks or restaurants - your trip is tailored to your specifications.

## Safe

Praying Pelican Missions staff members are experienced and prepared for anything. Safety is the number one priority. Staffers have [cell phones](#), transportation and medical kits on site at all times. They know where the local clinics and hospitals are in case of emergency. You can be assured that you are in good hands with Praying Pelican Missions.



While you are in your host location, your group's name is placed on our home page, and our staff updates your online Trip Journal so that friends and family at home can read stories about what your group is up to during the week! [See Trip Journals](#)

## We Look Forward to Serving With You!

**WHO? (The Participants)** This trip is open to all students who are currently in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. We have 35 spots that have already been reserved for our group. We will need a handful of adult men and women who are willing to help. If we do not get the adult support for this trip we will be forced to have to only take so many teens, so please check your calendar. **YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO COME!!!** And honestly, every parent ought to go at least once with their teen. It will be a memorable experience you will share together for the rest of your lives.

### **WHAT?**

The Praying Pelican Mission crafts trips to maximize on the strengths of the team. Once we have our team together, we will begin to craft the trip to what the team would like to do for mission experiences. If you check out their website page you can see that they have many, many opportunities for ministry. We will target those that will help our team to be the most successful.

**WHEN?** June 21-28, 2019. Departure and arrival times will be solidified as we get closer to the date. We will be flying to and from Havana.

**HOW (MUCH)?** These are estimated costs. I will give you a more firm number as the actual prices come in.

Project Cost	\$395.00
Activity	\$100.00
Incidentals	<u>\$ 55.00</u>
	\$550.00

**EPIPHANY UMC SENIOR HIGH STUDENT MISSION TRIP**  
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**COMMITMENT FORM**

By signing this form, I am indicating that I would like to participate in the Epiphany United Methodist Church Senior High Student Missions Trip to WEST VIRGINIA on June 21-28, 2019, subject to my acceptance for participation and my continuing demonstration of the spiritual maturity and gifts necessary for the mission.

I will also endeavor to secure the funds necessary to participate in the trip. I understand that all support checks and payment for the trip that I make should be made payable to Epiphany United Methodist Church, or endorsed over to Epiphany, and all monies will be recorded in a personal student support account set up in my name. I understand that this account will be established with my payment of the \$100 non-refundable deposit (due no later than Sunday, March 3).

I fully understand that I have a **financial obligation** to the team. I understand that any and all funds placed in my account that go over the amount I need to raise will be transferred to an account of another person going on the trip. I also agree to participate in all fundraisers for the trip, and that all the funds I raise at those events will go generally towards the WEST VIRGINIA trip sponsorship by Epiphany United Methodist Church, and not to my personal account.

I also have a **moral obligation** to act and behave as a spiritual leader within the youth group. Any decision to ask a student to step down from going on the WEST VIRGINIA trip is solely left up to the Student Ministries leadership team. If for some reason I am asked to step down from the team I understand that none of the funds I have raised will be returned to me but will remain contributions to Epiphany United Methodist Church which it may use for the WEST VIRGINIA trip, other youth ministries, and/or other ministries of Epiphany United Methodist Church as it may deem appropriate in its sole discretion. I also agree to seek out forgiveness, restoration and repentance with any party I have wronged. If I am asked to step down, I hereby waive any and all interest I may have in the trip account established in my name and to any refund thereof, in whole or in part, whether contributed by me or by others on my behalf; and further hereby release Epiphany United Methodist Church, its pastors, staff and members, with respect to any and all claims I may have, if any, in connection with that determination.

Finally, I have a **team obligation**. I understand by signing this commitment form that I agree to participate in any and all fundraising, training, reading, memorization, and special meetings that may be required to properly prepare for the ministries and services I am expected to perform. We will have several meetings leading up to the trip. These meetings will help us to bond as a team and prepare us for the trip. I also have an obligation to abide by the rules and boundaries set forth by the adult leaders of Epiphany United Methodist Church and the mission organization Praying Pelican Missions. I will contribute to the team through maintaining a Christ-like attitude and a positive team spirit all throughout the trip. I will forgo the "comforts" of my regular life in order to serve these people "in the trenches" during the time of this trip. I will work hard to maintain team unity throughout this adventure together. I will honor Jesus Christ above all in my actions, attitudes and behavior.

_____ Name (print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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As parent and/or legal guardian of the above named minor, I understand the commitment involved in the foregoing application to participate in the 2019 WEST VIRGINIA Mission Trip with Epiphany United Methodist Church Senior High on June 21-28, 2019. I am fully in agreement with, and adopt as my own, all that is stated above in the Commitment Form. I also grant my permission for the above-named minor to participate in this mission trip.

_____ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature	_____ Date
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Attach a recent photo here please  
if you have never been  
on a teen mission trip  
with Epiphany UMC

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICATION FORM - PAGE 1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date/Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Coordinator: **Scott Russ / Epiphany United Methodist Church**  
Church Address: **6635 Loveland-Miamiville Road**  
**Loveland, OH 45140**  
Church Phone Number: **(513) 677-9866**  
Cell Phone Number: **(513) 600-4790**  
Church Fax Number: **(513) 677-8198**  
Church E-mail Address: [sruss@epiphanyumc.org](mailto:sruss@epiphanyumc.org) [scottruss86@gmail.com](mailto:scottruss86@gmail.com)

Circle one:

- ☐ Student  
☐ Adult Participant

Circle one:

- ☐ Male  
☐ Female

T-shirt Size:

- ☐ Small ☐ Large  
☐ Medium ☐ XL

**Emergency Info:** I consent to emergency medical treatment in the event of an accident during my student's involvement on the WEST VIRGINIA trip in conjunction with Epiphany United Methodist Church and the Praying Pelican Missions. I also release PPM and Epiphany United Methodist Church from any liabilities resulting from any accident. Also, please attach any medication, allergies of additional medical information applicable to your teen.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)

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Emergency Phone Number      Health Insurance Policy Number      Health Insurance Carrier

**Student Commitment:** I understand that by participating in the WEST VIRGINIA trip I expect God to challenge me to develop a lifestyle of service as I continue to progress the kingdom of God in all areas of my life: at home, at school and at church!

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

I affirm this student meets the criteria to attend the WEST VIRGINIA trip!

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent's Signature)

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(Youth Pastor's Signature)

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**APPLICATION FORM - PAGE 2**

**Questions for the Teen Applicant to Answer:** (Use the back if you need to)

1. Specifically describe how you became a Christian.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Please state why you want to go on the missions trip, and list some goals you have for the trip.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. As you have grown in your faith, how have you seen God changing you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. If you have participated in any Epiphany United Methodist Church Missions Trips in the past, which ones have you participated in and how have they affected you in your relationship with Christ and to others?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. In what ways have you been involved in ministry at the church and/or at your school?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Can you participate in the local mission opportunities as they arise? 30 Hour  
Famine? Mission Training?

The Commitment Form and the Application Form should be completed and returned to the Epiphany United Methodist Church Student Ministries Office as soon as possible (due no later than Sunday, March 3, 2019). A \$100 deposit needs to be included, which will be non-refundable upon your acceptance to the team. If you mail in the application materials, send them to Epiphany United Methodist Church 6635 Loveland-Miamiville Rd. Loveland, OH. ATTN: Scott Russ.