

First Congregational Church of Hamilton

*Exalting His Glory
Enjoying His Fellowship
Proclaiming His Name*



Dear Applicant,

We are excited about your interest in our short-term mission trips to Portland, Maine or Nassau, Bahamas in 2017! Both trips provide opportunities for you to learn through cross-cultural relationships, grow in your relationships with Christ and others, and use your gifts to serve as part of the global Church.

Please spend some time in prayer and discussion with your family about this trip before submitting your application. We look forward to hearing from you with any questions you may have as you consider applying.

With thanks,
Chelsea and the FCCH Missions Committee

For more info, please contact:

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Instructions:

1. Please fill out this application neatly, completely, and honestly using blue/black ink or return electronically.
2. Carefully read and consider the Risk Statement below with your parents. There will also be a risk assessment specific to each trip provided by the missions committee.
3. Make sure that you and your parents have signed the final page.
4. Turn in the application along with a \$100 deposit to Chelsea by **January 22, 2017**. Checks should be made payable to FCCH. (If you need more time on your deposit, please let us know in advance of submitting your application.)
5. Participants and their parents should attend a mandatory team meeting on **Sunday, February 26**. Students will be expected to participate in meetings on Sundays **March 26, April 30, and June 4**. Please mark your calendars now and notify Chelsea with any conflicts ASAP.

Risk Statement:

While the missions committee of FCCH, in partnership with its partner organizations, will take measures to minimize safety and health risks for trip participants, certain unforeseen incidents can arise and we cannot guarantee safety. Traveling to and working in many countries, and even many US cities, carries inherent risks. These include criminal acts, weather emergencies and health crises. If any of these events should occur, there would also be emotional consequences.

While the missions committee will conduct a risk assessment for each sponsored trip, all participants are encouraged to do their own research and risk review especially with respect to any personal health or other challenges.

All participants are responsible to receive recommended immunizations and vaccinations. Any personal health issues should be disclosed to trip leaders so potential medical treatments can be considered and planned.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address:

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email:

Profession/School:

Passport #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Country of Issue: _____
(needed for Nassau trip only)

T-Shirt Size: (please circle one) S M L XL XXL

Parents/Guardians: _____ Father _____ Mother _____

Emergency Contact Name: Relationship:

Emergency Contact Email: _____ Phone: _____

My trip preference is: ☐ Nassau July 15-22 ☐ Portland July 30-Aug. 4

Please answer some questions to help us get to know you better. Feel free to write or type your responses on separate sheets of paper if that is easier for you.

1. Why do you want to go on this trip?

2. What do you hope to contribute to the team?

3. Please describe your involvement in our church or in other Christian ministry.

4. Describe your relationship with Jesus Christ and your spiritual life. *(Please be honest! We're not looking for perfect people, but for those who want to learn and grow in their walk with God.)*

5. Please list any specific skills that you have, such as playing an instrument, cooking, building, encouraging others, organizational skills, etc. *(You might be surprised how your unique gifts could be helpful to the team!)*

6. Please provide a summary of any cross-cultural or international experiences you have had.

7. Please describe your general physical condition. Do you have any restrictions on physical activity?

8. How do you hope this trip will contribute to your ongoing growth in Christ?

In the event that we need to learn more about you, who are two non-family members who would be willing to give a reference for you?

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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By signing below I agree to ALL of the following...please initial each item showing you have read them all:

- I will attend and participate fully in pre- and post-trip meetings and meet all appropriate requirements and deadlines. _____
- I will check my email frequently as this is the primary means of team communication. _____
- I will submit myself to the leadership of my team and their decisions. _____
- I will follow the safety policies prescribed for the trip. _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Return to: ckerickson@fcchamilton or missions@fcchamilton.org