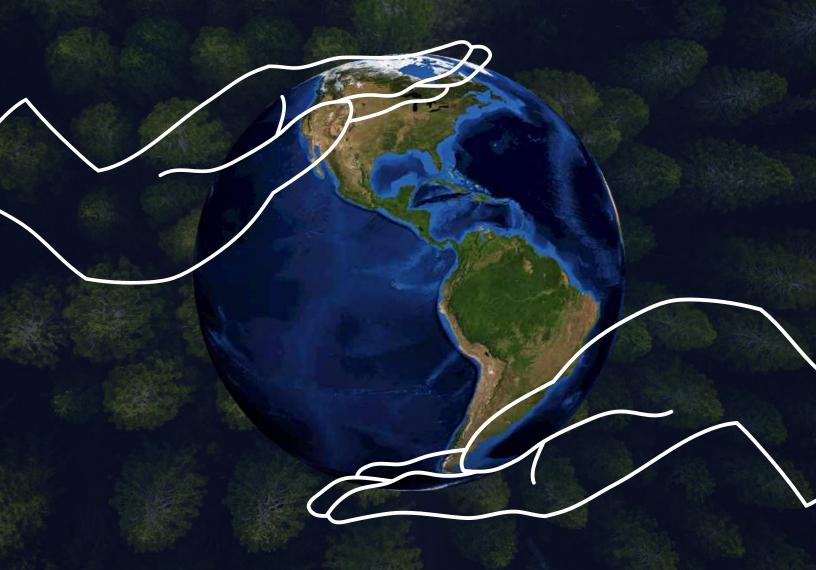
**2023 MERCY EDUCATION CONFERENCE** 



OUR MERCY COMMITMENT TO CARE FOR CREATION



October 12-13 | Kingston, Jamaica





## It's a Big Year for the Mercy Education Conference

For only the second time in the conference's 41-year history the Mercy Education Conference will be held outside of the United States in Kingston, Jamaica. This location is integral to our 2023 conference theme: **Earth**, one of the five Critical Concerns of the Sisters of Mercy.

Speakers will address the climate crisis and its impact on the most marginalized in our world. Topics include water justice and environmental racism. What are the global ramifications of actions and decisions made in highly developed countries such as the United States? How can each of us commit to ecological conversion through our personal environmental practices and within our Mercy schools?



## **Our Host Schools**

- Alpha Infant School
- Alpha Primary School
- Alpha School of Music
- Alpha Vocational Training Centre
- Convent of Mercy Academy "Alpha"
- Jessie Ripoll Primary School
- Mount St. Joseph Catholic High School
- Mount St. Joseph Preparatory School
- St. John Bosco Vocational Training Centre

"Reverence for our international and intercultural community" is one of the tenants of the *Chapter 2017 Recommitment* of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. The 2023 Mercy Education Conference offers a unique opportunity for greater appreciation of our diversity.



## **Begin Your Planning Now**

**Dates:** The conference will take place from the morning of Thursday, October 12 – to the afternoon of Friday, October 13.

**Registration:** Registration for the 2023 Conference will open in August. You must book your hotel stay separately from your conference registration – see details below. Registration fee is \$250.

**Airport and Transportation:** Please plan your travel to Norman Manley International Airport (KIN). The local Jamaican Committee will be organizing pick-up from the airport.

**Passport/Visas:** For participants traveling from the United States, please take the earliest opportunity to apply for a passport or renew your current one if needed. Information about U.S. passports applications and renewals is available <a href="here">here</a>. For participants traveling from other countries, please <a href="check here">check here</a> to learn what visa requirements relate to you.

**Hotel:** A block of rooms will be available at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, which is also the location of the conference. The room rate is \$171.39/night for a single (includes all fees) and \$196.69/night for a double (includes all fees) – other room options are also available. The conference rate is available for October 11–14, 2023. The hotel provides a complimentary breakfast. Reservations must be made by September 15; the conference rate cannot be guaranteed after this date. More hotel information is available here.

**Evening Activities:** Our host schools will offer tours and entertainment on the evening of Thursday, October 12. There will also be a list of suggested activities for the evening of Friday, October 13.

**Extend Your Trip:** You may want to extend your stay in Jamaica to the traditional tourist areas on the North Coast. There is a bus service, Knutsford Express, which provides comfortable intra-island travel from Kingston to Ocho Rios and Montego Bay. There is an international airport in Montego Bay located on the North Coast in the event you want to leave Jamaica from that airport. Kingston also boasts numerous tourist sites. Information will be shared in the coming weeks for conference participants who are interested in extending their stay.

Website: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/mercy-education-conference">bit.ly/mercy-education-conference</a>