



# Youth Centre undercurrent

Lighthouse / Undercurrent Mission Trips

2018 Application

## Dominican Republic 2018

Become part of a team that will see and experience, first hand, life the way much of the world lives. This is a life altering experience where participants will take part in helping the poor, spend time with children in orphanages, help with construction projects, children / youth events, see the results of the sex trade and poverty, and learn about you can make a long term difference in the lives of others.



# Trip Information

## Dominican Republic 2016

We are pleased to announce our upcoming trips for 2017. For the past nine years we have been doing humanitarian trips to the Dominican Republic where we have built homes, schools, worked with orphanages, sponsored children's programs, worked with street kids, and much more. This will continue, and we are adding a second trip that will be geared towards our Undercurrent Youth Group.

## What are the Dates?

Our preferred dates of departure are the first week of May. Each trip will be for 8 days, 7 Nights. The dates can change 1-2 days earlier or later and will be confirmed by Jan 15th, 2017.

## Who is eligible to go?

Our trips are open to all those 16 and up to apply. Also, families are welcome who have younger children or youth who have an approved chaperone traveling with them. All applicants must also meet the 'Criteria for Selection' found in the application and agree to our code of conduct.

## Where are we going?

During our stay we will be working in the Sosua and Nagua areas in the Dominican Republic. We will fly in and out of the Puerto Plata Airport directly from Halifax or Toronto. Others can join us from other locations, but participants are responsible for any addition expenses.

## Where will we stay?

To help reduce costs, our teams stay at local hotels, resorts, and mission team complexes where both meals and lodging are included. This is where we eat, sleep, and debrief.

## What is the cost?

The cost for the Undercurrent Youth Group trip will be \$1999 if you are flying out of Halifax and Toronto. (see Fees & Fundraising for more info).

## What's included in cost?

- Transportation to airport is included in the Undercurrent Youth Group Trip Only.
- Airfare and all transportation in the Dominican.
- Spanish language and cultural lessons.
- Lodging, meals, interpreters, exit taxes, and all in-country expenses
- Medical insurance (Note: Insurance does not cover injuries incurred through certain thrill-seeking adventures such as motorcycling, para-sailing or zip-lining). All applicants must read their own insurance details.
- Team t-shirts.
- Chaperones (minimum 1 adult leader per 5 youth)
- Approximately \$300 of every applicant's fee goes towards construction and medical projects.



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## How do I apply?

First, fill out our initial online application. Which can be found on our website [www.undercurrentyc.com](http://www.undercurrentyc.com) under missions. Next this written application must be received on or before Dec 12th. Applications submitted after this date will be subject to late fees (described below). Applicants will be notified promptly if application is not accepted. Once application is accepted, you may begin fundraising and seeking donations to offset the cost of their initial payment.

Completed applications can be sent to: Lighthouse/Undercurrent Missions, PO Box 278, Glace Bay, NS, B1A 5V4. Or email them to [davidsawler@mac.com](mailto:davidsawler@mac.com).

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- 1 – Applicant must meet all general requirements. Applicants will be considered on a first come, first serve basis.
- 2 – Applicant possesses the skills or gifts needed for the identified project, and expresses interest in the purpose of the particular short-term trip.
- 3 – Applicant demonstrates a level of maturity and life experience to be able to fit well as a team member.
- 4 – Applicant is known to possess characteristics that will enable effective work in a cross-cultural environment.
- 5 – Applicant has read, understood and signed the Volunteer Waiver of Right.
- 6 – Applicant must submit a written reference from someone who knows the applicant well.
- 7 - Applicant must agree to our Code of Conduct.

## FEES & FUNDRAISING

An initial deposit of \$500 must be paid by Dec 10th. Applications submitted after this first payment will be subject to a late fee of \$100, to be paid with initial deposit. Second payment of \$750 is due Jan. 15st. Final payment for all outstanding accounts will be due by Feb. 18th. If amounts are not received by payment dates, all payments will be forfeited.

All payments and donations should be made through Canada Helps ([www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org)), an online donation website that enables applicants to keep track of their money-raising progress. CanadaHelps will also issue tax receipts for all donations. Instructions for setting up an account will be provided at the meetings. For additional questions, please contact David at [davidsawler@mac.com](mailto:davidsawler@mac.com).

\*\*Please note that all payments, as well as any money raised or donated, is non-refundable. Cancellation insurance is available for an additional fee.\*\*

## For Youth – WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL?

Lighthouse/Undercurrent Mission trips exist to give people the opportunity to serve others. Our goal is to provide an experience where you can learn how to become a person who is involved with making long term changes in the lives of the poor, neglected, and needy of our world. This is a great learning experience for all youth involved. Although you will be missing a week of school, students will have designated times in the evening to work on homework together. Leaders and staff will be available for any student needing help with their homework. Students will be encouraged to talk to their teachers and principals about work that will be covered during the trip.

\* All minors must have a notarized letter stating you can participate. All minors must also be assigned to a leader for traveling and for medical care.

# Participant Information

**For Office Use Only:**

Parental Consent/ Notarized

Non-refundable deposit (\$500)

Completed Application

**IMPORTANT:** All team participants must complete this application.

Your name as it appears on your passport:

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Preferred name:

Date of birth:

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Marital Status:

Sex:

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Street:

City:

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Province:

Postal Code:

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Home Phone:

Work Phone:

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E-mail:

Citizenship:

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Do you have a passport? (Must be good for 6 months past date of trip)

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Issuing County:

Expiry Date:

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Briefly describe what volunteer (community and / or church) projects you are presently involved with.

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List what skills and gifts you would bring to our missions team (including your profession and other experiences/ assets like: construction, ability to community in a second language, music, drama, medical, athletics, etc).

Skills:

Fair

Good

Excellent

Professional

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Briefly describe here if you have had any additional cross cultural experience (i.e., other missions trips, traveling

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overseas, etc.).

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# Participation Information Continued...

## Character References

Please provide two written character references. Reference letters may be included in application or sent directly to David Sawler at [davidsawler@mac.com](mailto:davidsawler@mac.com). References may be contacted during application process.

Name	Relation	Phone #
1. _____		
2. _____		

## Spiritual Life (if applicable)

\*During the trip, team members who are part of a Church here in Canada may have the opportunity to do some work in a Church setting. Please fill this out only if you are interested in participating in these activities. These times and activities are completely optional for participants. Lighthouse / Undercurrent trips are for people from every background.

What is your Church background/involvements? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Where are you presently attending? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been attending? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your spiritual life at the present time? \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Medical and Emergency Information

**\*Must be fully completed\***

Note: This mission trip will require that all participants be physically and emotionally able to endure difficult, strenuous and demanding conditions.

Do you have any chronic or current health problems that might be affected by the environment and living

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conditions in a third world country? If so, please give a brief description.

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Have you ever had any serious injury or illness? If so, please give a brief description.

Are you currently receiving medical treatment or evaluation on a regular basis? If so, please explain briefly.

Are you currently taking medication(s)? If so, please list reason for usage.

Do you use alcohol? (Please circle one)      Yes      No      Do you use tobacco?      Yes      No

Have you ever had, or have now, any of the following? (circle one)

1. Frequent and/or severe headaches	Yes	No	8. Allergies	Yes	No
2. Dizziness or fainting	Yes	No	9. Epilepsy	Yes	No

Family Doctor's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Medical Insurance Number #:

Province:

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Is your medical insurance applicable outside of Canada?

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# Medical and Emergency Information Continued...

## Medical/Emergency Contact Information

In the unfortunate event of an emergency, it is important that we have access to certain information. As standard procedure, we require the following information from anyone participating in a Lighthouse Missions Project. Please insure that the 2 people to contact in case of an emergency are aware of your travel plans prior to departure.

Two people to contact in case of an emergency:

Name: Phone number: Relation:

Name: Phone number: Relation:

Family Doctor's name: Phone number

If under 18 years of age, please complete this section:

Mother's/Guardian's name:

Father's/Guardian name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone:

## Code of Conduct

I will show respect for Lighthouse/Undercurrent personnel and partners and cooperate with team leaders and members. I will be culturally sensitive to the use of alcohol and tobacco and take direction from the Lighthouse/Undercurrent missions field staff on matters of dress and jewelry. I will not use illegal substances, take and will not become involved in an inappropriate dating relationship with team members, or nationals, while a participant in the project. I am also agreeing to not take part in any dangerous, illegal, or potentially harmful activities personally, or as a group. I am also agreeing that I will not swim without a group, lifeguard, or swim buddy present at all times. If under the age of 19 I agree to not drink alcohol while on this trip.

Please sign below to signify that you have read and understood the code of conduct and that by signing, you understand that you must abide to the code of conduct rules during the missions trip.

Participant's Signature / Date Signed

Parent / Guardian / Date Signed (If 18 or younger)

# Volunteer Waiver of Rights Please Read Carefully

**\*\*\*BY SIGNING THIS LEGAL DOCUMENT, YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO PURSUE A LAWSUIT\*\*\***

## Print Your Name

\_\_\_\_\_ (Hereinafter referred to as the "Participant") has freely requested to be allowed to participate in a Lighthouse Short-Term Missions Project in Dominican Republic (Hereinafter referred to as the "Missions Project"). The Participant understands that there may be risks involving the Missions Project. The Participant undertakes the risks associated with the Missions Project, which include but is not limited to, changes in the political situation, different and primitive physical and health facilities, uncertain transportation and communication facilities, and the possibility of acts of terrorism. The Participant voluntarily assumes full responsibility of injury, disease, deterioration of health, illness, death or property damage to his/herself and others associated with the Missions Project.

In exchange for the privilege of participation in the Dominican Republic Missions Project the participant agrees as follows:

1. The Participant hereby releases Lighthouse of Cape Breton of 224 York St, Glace Bay, NS, B1A 5V4, and its officers, affiliates, employees, associate staff or any other authorized representatives (Hereinafter referred to as "Lighthouse") from any and all liabilities and expenses in connection with any personal injury, including but not limited to, physical, psychological damage, disease, deterioration of health, illness, death, or property damage which may be resulting from or arising out of participation in the Missions Project, including but not limited to, traveling to or from the Missions Project, any activity involving the Missions Project, acceptance of advice or negligence of Lighthouse, volunteers, or others involved in the Missions Project;
2. In case of accident or illness, the Participant gives permission to Lighthouse or any other volunteer of Lighthouse Church to seek any special medical attention deemed necessary by such individual, for the Participant and the Participant hereby releases and waives against any such person or entity, any responsibility or liability in connection with such accident, illness or medical treatment administered, negligently or otherwise. Furthermore, the Participant will indemnify and save harmless, Lighthouse, organization, or any other volunteer from any and all cost involved with such accident or illness and the medical care administered;
3. The Participant agrees to indemnify and save harmless Lighthouse from all claims, demands, suits or actions against any of them by the Participant or by any person injured or who suffered damage to person or property as a result of the Participant's actions, or arising out of the Participant's participation in any aspect of the Missions Project, including the cost of defending any such claims, suits, demands or actions and;
4. The Participant will conduct himself/herself in a manner appropriate to a volunteer participant in the Missions Project and abide by all rules, regulations, orders and directives given to the Participant by Lighthouse in connection with any matter relating to the Missions Project.
5. In the event that the Participant is a minor (under age 18), the within agreement must be executed by the Participant and the Participant's parents/Legal Guardian. Furthermore, the parents/Legal Guardian accepts all obligations contained in the within agreement on behalf of the minor, and on their own behalf.
6. The Participant acknowledges that this document will be effective and binding upon the Participant's heirs, next of kin, executor, administrators and representatives, in the event of the Participant's death or incapacity.

The Participant **STATES** that he/she has carefully read the foregoing Waiver and knows the contents thereof and signs the same of their own free act.

Lighthouse /Undercurrent Dominican Republic 2014 Mission Trip - Between April 27th and May 10th, 2018.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (legal guardian) signature \_\_\_\_\_ (if under age 18)

Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness address \_\_\_\_\_