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Latin American Mission Program (LAMP)

LAMP was established in the Diocese of Charlottetown in 1967 in response to the call of Vatican II for the Church of the North to share personnel and other resources with countries of the South, especially with Latin America. Since that time, 23 missionaries from PEI have worked in the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, St. Vincent and the Grenadines. LAMP recognizes that sharing life with the dispossessed in the South prepares us for solidarity work in our own country and helps us live our Christian vocation of building a just society.



DR 2009 participants with host family

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

I. PREPARATION

- Application due by October 4, 2013
- First retreat October 11-12, 2013
- Orientation/formation sessions November 2013 to April 2014. Two (2) overnight and three (3) afternoon sessions held between November 2013 and April 2014. These dates will be decided upon in consultation with all DR 2014 participants.

NOTE: All those selected are expected to attend the initial overnight retreat on October 11 and 12 and all the other formations.

II. IMMERSION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC April 30 - May 21, 2014 (subject to change)

Eight (8) Days Orientation Visits to:

- Sugar cane plantations
- Community health clinics
- Christian base communities
- Community and social justice groups
- Youth groups

Two (2)-Day Solidarity Project:

Living and working with a coffee growers' community

Ten (10) Days with Dominican Family:

Home stay experience with a typical family who works to make their community more just

Enjoy Dominican Culture

- Learn to dance meringue and bachata
- Try some new foods
- See art, handcrafts and history

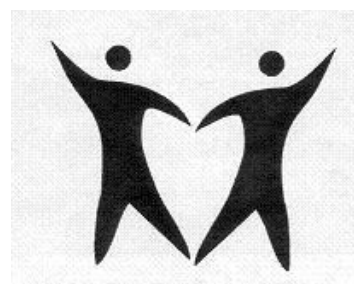
Explore Themes and Issues such as:

- Dominican culture, history and politics
- Role of the Church
- Struggle of the poor for justice
- Christian response to injustice
- Health care, immigration, economics, etc.
- Women's issues
- Rural versus urban living

III. RETURN TO CANADA

May 21-22, 2014 (subject to change)

- Participate in return debriefing
- Explore the possibilities for reverse mission
- Decide "Where to from here...?"



*Logo designed by DR 2003 participant
Cyndi (nee Ladner) Merrill*

¡ Caminando Juntos/as !

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FAITH & JUSTICE EXPERIENCE 2014

Walking Together !



**Program for Young Adults
in the Dominican Republic
April 30 – May 21, 2014**

**Sponsored by the
Diocese of Charlottetown**

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THE EXPERIENCE

If you are a youth* (or young at heart) and are interested in a challenging, first-hand experience on how most of the world's population live, consider participating in the Dominican Republic Faith & Justice Experience. This program provides an opportunity to experience life in a developing country and to live the joys and struggles with the people. You are then encouraged to take this experience and apply it to issues of faith and justice here at home in Canada.

The highlight of the Faith & Justice Experience is three (3) weeks in the Dominican Republic (DR), a Spanish speaking country in the Caribbean. Time spent in the DR is divided up as follows:

- Eight (8) days - in-country orientation with reflection and analysis
- Ten (10) days - life with a Dominican family
- Two (2) days - solidarity project

You will stay with a typical Dominican family in smaller towns scattered throughout the central and southern regions of the country. This will be complete Spanish immersion, but don't worry, by then you will manage survival Spanish!

* Must be 18 years of age by time of departure.

Initially, the group will stay in a small community near Santo Domingo, the oldest colonial city in the Americas. We will meet with community organizations, grass roots groups and Christian base communities to see first-hand the kind of work people do in the struggle for social justice.



Dominican farmer grinding cocoa

Preparation for the program consists of six (6) formation sessions between October 2013 and April 2014. These retreats and sessions are important formation before journeying to the DR. They are also a time for you to get to know the other participants and the facilitators. All participants are asked to book these dates off ahead of time.

"I have learned so much about people, social justice, myself and God from coming on this experience...I love what is happening to me. The blinders have been lifted."

Participant DR 2006

APPLYING

To apply, complete the application form found on the webpage: <http://dioceseofcharlottetown.com/diocesan-ministries/latin-american-mission-program/> and send it to lamp@pei.sympatico.ca. On the application you are asked to share:

- Your contact information
- Your strengths and skills
- Why you want to be part of this program
- What you feel you will learn
- Two references with contact numbers

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

October 4, 2013

There are a limited number of places. Selection will be made up until the deadline. All those selected are expected to attend the initial retreat on October 11-12, 2013 and all the other formations.

"The great need today is for Christians who are active and critical, who don't accept situations without analyzing them inwardly and deeply... We want persons like fruitful fig trees, who can say yes to justice and no to injustice and can make use of the precious gift of life, regardless of their circumstances."

Archbishop Oscar Romero

COSTS

The cost to you is approximately \$2500. This includes: formation sessions and materials; airfare and airport taxes; plus meals, lodging, and ground transportation in the DR for three (3) weeks. You will be responsible for your own spending money and incidentals, as well as raising your own funds. However, the organizing team provides participants with some training and support on fundraising.

A \$200 non-refundable deposit will be required to confirm your participation. The schedule for remaining payments will be available at the first retreat.



Some Dominican children bring public awareness on World Day Against Child Labour