



Let's go to Haiti!

Diocese of Virginia Young Adult Mission Trip to Gonaives, Haiti

When are you going?

We will leave Richmond/DC on the morning of Sunday, January 4th and return in the late evening on Thursday, January 9th.

How much will it cost?

Our estimated cost, including all housing, travel, food and is around \$1,500 per person. This cost may come down as we finalize plans. Note: this does not include vaccinations or souvenirs.

What exactly is a "Young Adult"?

For the purposes of this trip, we have defined young adult as any high school graduate, ages 18 through 25. We are looking for young adults who want to travel, stretch themselves beyond their comfort zone and, upon our return, tell their story in order to contribute to the deepening of our partnership with the Diocese of Haiti.

Who else will be there?

The group will be 6 to 8 total, including Meg Schwarz of the diocesan staff and a priest from the Diocese. Because it is our aim to have a broad representation of the Diocese, we play to have no more than two people from the same church.

Why are you going to Haiti?

Haiti is the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church, with only a few Episcopal partners from the Diocese of Virginia. As the poorest country in the western hemisphere, there are many assumptions that Haiti is unsafe and an undesirable place to visit. While there are certainly many tangible needs to be met there, Haiti is beautiful, the people are gracious and the food is delicious. (Don't believe us? Come and check it out!)

What are you going to do?

Our first Young Adult Mission Trip occurred in Feb. 2011 and was a great success. During our trip we connected with the young adults of St. Basil le Grand in Gonaives and formed a lasting partnership. We are in the process of designating a project to do while in Gonaives, most likely one linked to the Episcopal school there and hopefully with the young adult group. Our main goal is to foster these relationships and our spirituality individually and as a group/partnership.

So, how do I get involved?

Complete the registration form and return it to Meg Schwarz (mschwarz@thediocese.net). If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to email Meg. Once we have our group set, Meg will be in touch to communicate the rest of the details.

