

Medical Mission Team

2017

The Episcopal Diocese
of the Central Gulf Coast



Medical Mission Application for the
Dominican Republic

2017 Mission Dates: 4 (Sat) - 12 (Sun) March 2017

Deadline for this Application is Nov 30, 2016

Name as it appears on your passport (passport must have at least six months remaining from mission date prior to expiration) _____

Name by which you prefer to be called(nickname,etc.): _____

Address: _____

(Street, City State, and Zip Code)

Personal Contact Information: E-mail: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Night) _____ (Cell) _____

Please identify preferred number with an asterisk (*)

Attach a copy of the page showing your photo, passport number and expiration date.

US Passport Number: _____

(Note: Copies are used to help you secure a replacement in case of passport theft or loss)

Emergency Contact: (Name & relationship) _____

(Phone numbers) _____

Denomination: _____

Home Church: _____

Do you speak any Spanish? Yes No

How well? _____

Can you serve as a translator for a physician? Yes No

Have you traveled to Central or South America, Mexico, the Caribbean or another Spanish speaking country, or participated in other church missions? Yes. No.

If so please list the countries, dates, and reason for

travel: _____

⚠ **All medical personnel and pharmacists:** please provide your professional license number or other qualifying certification as this information is required by the Dominican health authorities.

All applicants, both medical and non-medical, please list your qualifications and experience that you believe would be useful to the medical mission:

Do you have any medical condition or dietary considerations that might be affected by living/working in primitive accommodations and/or working in a tropical climate: (i.e., diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, heart disease, food allergies, stomach problems)?

I understand that this application does not insure that I will be selected to be a member of this Missionary Team and that if I am selected that I must:

A. Make my own flight reservations and pay for my own air fare to and from the Dominican Republic (note: airfare has ranged from \$550 to \$1,000 depending on when and where booked); pay for two nights in Santo Domingo at \$ 48/night/person(based on double occupancy and is inclusive of breakfast. This will cover the last two days for R&R at the Hotel Mercure in the old Colonial District (unless you choose to book an earlier return flight to the US).

B. Support the mission by raising a minimum of \$350 from my home congregation or other sources, and that this contribution will be used toward the cost of medications and support for the mission work in the Dominican Republic. **All contributions should be made to St.Simon's on the Sound and marked for DR Med Mission.** Send to Linda Vogel, Team Chief, for tracking and accounting.

C. Attend the **medical supply packing meeting (tentatively: 11 Feb 2017 (Sat) at St.Paul's Episcopal Church, Foley, AL)** and any team meetings before the departure date. My team medicine bag will be given to me at this meeting and I will be required to carry it to the D.R. as my second piece of luggage.

D. Be able to carry my own luggage and 50 pound team medicine bags when necessary.

Please make sure that your Health Insurance covers accidents and illnesses abroad.

Health Insurance Company: _____

Member ID Number: _____

Why do you want to be a member of this missionary team?

If not selected for this mission team would you be interested in going on a future Mission to the Dominican Republic? Yes No

Release of Liability: I am aware of, understand, and accept full responsibility for all risks of travel and work assigned to me while participating in the mission work of The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast in the Dominican Republic. I hereby indemnify and hold harmless The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, its staff and agents, and waive any and all legal claims against the same for any injuries, imprisonment, abduction, death, direct or consequential damages or loss that may result from work and involvement in the The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast Mission in the Dominican Republic, assuming all of such risks unto myself.

Date

Signature

Please mail (1) your completed and signed application, (2) a copy of your passport, and (3) a copy of your medical, dental or pharmacy license number or other legal certification (as applicable) and any Mission Fund contributions raised to:

The Episcopal Diocese of the CGC Medical Mission
C/O: Linda Vogel, Mission Team Leader
909 Santa Rosa Blvd.
Unit 421
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548
cell (502)797-1511 email: vogel8130@outlook.com

NOTE: There are no mandatory immunizations for this mission. However, you are encouraged to check with your local public health dept. or family doctor. We highly recommend currency of the following (at a minimum):

Hep A & B, Tetanus, Typhoid, Diphtheria and Cholera

NOTE: You are not a tourist -- you are a missionary in the field exposed to much more.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Malaria is considered to be a threat in our area of operations at this time. If you choose to take an anti-malarial prophylactic, it is the team member's responsibility to obtain their own medicine. It is suggested that you discuss the use of anti-malarial drugs with your doctor. Many of these drugs can be very hard on your liver. Some antibiotics can substitute. You should also be prepared to wear a quality mosquito repellent to combat the potential mosquito borne transmission of Malaria, dengue fever, Zika fever, West Nile and chikungunya.

☛ We must carry all our medicines and support items with us. Therefore every team member is required to carry a medical/equipment bag in addition to their personal bag to the DR. We are not allowed to bring unused medicines back to the US; as such, all medicines that won't expire within a specified window will be stored at the DR Diocesan office or donated to the Episcopal aids clinic. The DR has placed a moratorium on carrying "excess" baggage into the DR. This is why we can not overemphasize the importance of carrying a medical bag as your second piece of luggage and being at the packing meeting. If missing this important meeting is unavoidable, it is essential you make provisions with the team leader to get a medical bag.