

CANDLEWOOD CHURCH



Dear Candlewood family,

2020 Candlewood STM's

We wanted to communicate the dates for the mission trips that we are sponsoring in 2020 so that you can pray - and if God leads you - plan on participating. These short-term trips are one of the strategic ways for Candlewood to fulfill our God-given vision to make disciples of all the nations.

| <u>Location</u> | <u>DATES</u> | <u>COST</u> |
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| Dominican Republic (DR) | July 22-28, 2020 (7 days) | \$1,400 Airfare could increase cost |
| Yellowstone National Park (Science & creation tour with Patrick Nurre) | June 26-July 3 (8 days) | \$560 |



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (DR)



YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

The trip to the DR will be to support a partner church we have been assisting for several years. The Yellowstone trip will be an opportunity to bring someone with you who would benefit from learning the scientific support for the existence of an intelligent, personal, Creator God.

Check out the additional information below and please email me if you have any questions. Thank you for your prayers and consideration.

United with you and our Savior,

Jim Wiebelhaus
Candlewood Church Missions Director
jim@candlewoodchurch.org

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | JULY 22-28, 2020 | COST: \$1,400

Trip Description

The mission trip to the Dominican Republic will support Pastor Dago, and the Great Commission Latin America church in Santo Domingo. This trip is a great opportunity for those who have never traveled outside of the country to get a taste for international missions.



- Application and deposit of \$25 is due by January 15, 2020 for the DR STM.

The following benchmarks are provided for you in order to ensure that funds are turned in at the time they will be needed to make purchases, the major purchase being airfares and lodging. If you have not turned in the specified amounts at the listed dates, your application could be removed so that another person could take your spot on the trip.

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| • \$25 by January 15 th | \$25 |
| • \$250 more by February 15 th | \$275 |
| • \$250 more by March 15 th | \$525 |
| • \$350 more by April 15 th | \$875 |
| • \$350 more by May 15 th | \$1225 |
| • \$75 more by June 15 th | \$1400 TOTAL |

If you foresee major problems in these dates/amounts for your trip, please email Jim Wiebelhaus with details (jjim@candlewoodchurch.org). We will work on a case-by-case basis regarding all changes. All requirement exceptions are subject to Pastoral approval.

REMINDERS

- All checks must be turned in to the Candlewood Church Office.
- **NOTE: Checks for the DR Trip must be written out to Great Commission Latin America. If a check is made out to your personally, those gifts will not be tax deductible. Make sure the donor understands this.**
- You are responsible for keeping a personal record of all checks turned in to ensure proper recording. Please send a 'thank you' upon receiving a gift and a newsletter report at the conclusion of your trip.

COSTS

The \$1400 covers

- All transportation (airfare, bus, etc) and housing
- All meals from departure of Omaha Airport to arrival back in Omaha.
- Drinking water, Materials/literature to hand out/use

Costs you will incur on your own:

- Passport (Apply in January for a passport. Renew in January if it will expire by February 2021)
- Vaccinations. Talk to your doctor. More information at <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/> and <http://travel.state.gov/travel>
- Souvenirs

CREDIT CARDS

It is recommended that each person have at least one credit card that can be used. This is to ensure purchase power internationally and will ensure the best possible exchange rate on a daily basis. If you do not have one, please apply ASAP. A Visa or MasterCard check-card will work as one form. Most places do not support Discover Cards internationally.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK | JUNE 26-JULY 3, 2020 | COST IS \$560

Trip Description

Yellowstone National Park is a nearly 3,500-sq.-mile wilderness recreation area atop a volcanic hot spot. Mostly in Wyoming, the park spreads into parts of Montana and Idaho too. Yellowstone features dramatic canyons, alpine rivers, lush forests, hot springs and gushing geysers, including its most famous, Old Faithful. It's also home to hundreds of animal species, including bears, wolves, bison, elk and antelope.



Guided Tour: Patrick Nurre of NorthwestTreasures will be our personal tour guide.
www.northwestrockandfossil.org

"A proper understanding of geology is vital to understanding biology, anthropology, earth science and paleontology. This in turn will lead to a deeper and richer understanding of the Bible and what God has spoken there."

This trip is ideal for people of all ages who love the outdoors and like to learn about geology, dinosaurs, and the science behind it. Great for college students, singles, families with children who love rocks, dinosaurs and fossils, and International students who want to see the U.S. This would also be a great trip to invite your extended family or friends who are curious about the scientific evidence for our earth/universe being created by an intelligent, personal God. Everyone is welcome. Each van/car will be given a high quality radio so you can hear Patrick Nurre even when we are travelling from one part of the park to another.

- **Application and deposit of \$25 is due by January 15, 2020 for the Yellowstone Park Adventure.**

The following benchmarks are provided for you in order to ensure that funds are turned in at the time they will be needed to make purchases, the major purchase being airfares and lodging. If you have not turned in the specified amounts at the listed dates, your application could be removed so that another person could take your spot on the trip.

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| • \$25 by January 15 th | \$25 |
| • \$200 more by February 15 th | \$225 |
| • \$200 more by March 15 th | \$425 |
| • \$75 more by April 15 th | \$525 |
| • \$45 more by April 15 th | \$560 TOTAL |

If you foresee major problems in these dates/amounts for your trip, please email Jim Wiebelhaus with details (jim@candlewoodchurch.org). We will work on a case-by-case basis regarding all changes. All requirement exceptions are subject to Pastoral approval.

REMINDERS

- All checks must be turned in to the Candlewood Church Office.
- NOTE: Checks for **Yellowstone** must be written out to **Candlewood Church**.
- Please keep a second record of all checks to ensure proper recording.

COSTS

The \$545 covers

- Transportation (those who volunteer their vans will receive \$200 compensation)
- Simple, packed meals for most seventeen meals. Six restaurant meals.
- Housing for two nights in hotel room with four people/room, five nights tent camping
- Tour Guide of the park and geological features by Patrick Nurre

Costs you will incur on your own:

- Additional hotel stays beyond the two nights provided
- Additional food and snacks
- Shopping

STM Acceptance Policies

You are responsible for the trip funds and deadlines of the trip plus passport and vaccinations if you don't have them. Fund deadline dates are listed at the bottom for each trip.

This includes a \$25 non-refundable deposit due upon application.

The primary method of raising the funds for the mission trip is through you or support from your outside sources. We will help to train you and instruct you on how to send out letters to friends, family and co-workers regarding the cost of the trip and the need for support. Though you do not have to use this method to raise funds, it is common and acceptable. A fundraising packet will be available and can be sent electronically upon request by email jim@candlewoodchurch.org

As a participant of the mission trip, each person is responsible for fundraising the required fee for your trip. We have set up a payment schedule to follow in order to ensure your completion of the necessary fundraising. These are the required amounts to be turned in at the following dates.

NOTE: If your fundraising exceeds the cost of the trip, the additional funds will be used for additional supplies and resources for the host church or saved for future mission trips.

Expectations

- Each participant of the mission trip will be placed in a group.
- Each group will have a group leader who will be responsible for the group's safety, itinerary, and preparation.
- Each group leader will designate a time for the group to meet a few times prior to the trip.
- If you should need to be absent from these meetings we ask that you communicate with your assigned group leader.
- You agree to be a representation of Jesus Christ. This means that you will abide by all laws both here in the USA and in your designated country.
- You agree to adhere to all safety precautions as instructed by leaders.
- You agree that your participation on this trip is subject to leaders approval and acceptance.
- This is an application process, not a guarantee that you will participate.

Get Started Today

1. Download and fill out the Short Term Mission (STM) application and email it to Jim Wiebelhaus at jim@candlewoodchurch.org by the due date listed below.

NOTE: If you have submitted a STM application in the past then you only need to fill out the first page.

2. If you need a passport you will need to apply for one at least by January. A passport for an adult is good for ten years.

NOTE: Make sure your passport expiration date has six months beyond trip departure date!

To apply for a passport, visit <http://travel.state.gov/passport> and follow the instructions there. Passport and vaccinations are extra costs that are not included in the trip costs listed below.

3. Give a \$25 installment to by the due date listed for each trip below. Payments can be made in three ways.
 - a. Online at www.candlewoodchurch/give STM and enter your name and trip name in memo.
 - b. By check in tithe box. Put your name & trip in memo line.
 - c. By check and send in the mail to Candlewood Church -STM, 5051 F Street, Omaha, NE 68117. Make sure to note the installment by stating your name and trip name in the memo line.

4. Will you be raising support? If yes, all the more important to start your application today because you are not authorized to raise support until your application has been accepted. You can download the example support letters and "Gift Response Card" under the Mission Trip section of our Supported Ministries page of our website, and begin to write your own.