



International Youth Convention & Mission Project

in partnership with Southeast Asia Conference of the Evangelical Methodist Church

QUICK INFORMATION

Dates: Thursday December 26, 2019 – Friday January 3, 2020

Ages: Applicants must be 14 or older unless accompanied by an adult guardian

Purpose: To participate in the International Youth Convention & encourage the Philippine people through outreach and mission projects

Project(s): International Youth Convention, Mission Projects, Visiting and Encouraging Churches

Apply online at: <https://app.managedmissions.com/MissionApplication/Start/15118>

Pay online at: <https://emchurch.org/online-giving>
Please note: You will have to create a login and password to access the giving portal. Be sure to click the “Youth Missions Trip” designation and include the trip you are making a payment towards in the memo line.

Cost: \$2400.00 per person

Cost includes: Transportation from major airports, Lodging, Meals, Ministry Expenses, Trip Insurance

Other costs not included: Passport, vaccinations, spending money, etc...

Payment Schedule:

May 1st – application deadline with non-refundable \$200 deposit

August 1st – late application deadline with \$800 due (\$600 if deposit already paid)

October 1st – \$800 due

December 1st – total remaining balance due (\$800)

Travel: We will be traveling from Atlanta, GA and Los Angeles, CA. We may be able to accommodate travel from other locations at no additional cost if the total ticket cost is less than \$2100. If not, you will be responsible for your travel to Atlanta or LAX.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Required Meetings

All meetings will be scheduled via Zoom. Zoom is an online computer based conferencing software. It can be used on virtually any PC or Apple Device. We will send you the information you will need to log on to each meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday May 9 – 7:00pm

Thursday August 8 – 7:00pm

Thursday October 3 – 7:00pm

Thursday December 5 – 7:00pm

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August 1st – Late application deadline - \$800 due (\$600 if deposit already paid)

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December 1st – Total remaining balance of \$800

COST ANALYSIS

Total Cost: \$2,400.00

Cost Breakdown:

\$2,200 – Airfare

\$200 – Everything else

FUNDRAISING

You will be responsible for the raising of your own funds for the Philippines Mission Project. In our meetings we will discuss ways to raise funds, but the best way is to write a heartfelt letter to your friends and family explaining why you believe God is calling you to go to the Philippines.

Flight Information

Packing:

1. When you are packing you should remember to pack one suitcase for you
2. Put your name and address on the inside and outside of your suitcases.
3. Carry-on Information:
 - Everyone is allowed one carry-on.
 - Include: one day's worth of clothes, medicine, valuables, and other necessary items.
 - Cannot exceed 40 pounds or 45 linear inches.
 - No metal knives, box cutters, straight razors.
 - Liquid, Gels, Aerosols: Place all liquid containers in a separate clear plastic, quart size zip-top bag.
4. Individual liquid containers should be no larger than 3.4 ounces.
5. Checked Baggage Information:
 - Everyone is allowed one checked suitcase.
 - Your luggage cannot exceed 50 pounds per suitcase.
 - Remove straps and protruding objects from bags before checking them.
 - Do not lock suitcases due to screening of every checked bag.
 - Spare lithium batteries must be in carry-on with terminals covered/insulated.
 - Items in checked baggage are limited to a total of no more than 70 ounces per passenger.
 - Contents of each container may not exceed 16 fluid ounces.
6. Personal Item Information:
 - Everyone is allowed one personal item (purse, briefcase, laptop, small book bag style backpack, small tote bag, or shoulder bag not to exceed 36 linear inches.
8. Miscellaneous Information:
 - Please do not joke with the airlines/customs officials.
 - Answer them yes sir or ma'am.
 - They take their jobs seriously and you do not want to spend your week with them.

Philippines Mission Trip Rules

1. You shall not forget that you represent the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. You shall not expect that things will be the same as they are at home.
3. You shall not take minor things too seriously.
4. You shall not let other group members get on your nerves.
5. You shall not worry. Few things people worry about are ever fatal.
6. Remember your passport. A person without documents is a person without a country.
7. Blessed is the person who says "thank you" in any language.
8. When in the Philippines do as the Filipinos do.
9. Remember, you are a guest in the Philippines. He who treats his host with respect shall be treated as a honored guest.

While You Are in the Philippines

1. Please love on as many people as possible.
2. Share the Gospel and your personal testimony while traveling to and from the Philippines as well as while in country.
3. Please journal each night because by the end of the week you may forget details of your experiences that you would like to remember.
4. Be careful not to make commitments to help people that you do not plan on following through with when you return home.
5. Please check with a trip leader before giving a gift of any kind to anyone.
6. Most Filipinos know some English, but English is not their first language so be patient when speaking and listening.
7. Get to know your team. Especially those team members that you do not know well.
8. Please drink a lot of the purified bottled water.
9. Do not drink or brush your teeth with the tap water.
10. Be on time. When you are late it makes the rest of the team wait on you.
11. Be kind when you are taking pictures. It is always best to ask before taking a picture.
12. If someone asks you for anything please check with a staff member for advice.
13. Remember not to be exclusive in your relationship(s) while in the Philippines. If your boyfriend/girlfriend/spouse is on the team, then make every effort to interact with the entire team.
14. The food is very good and is safe to eat so please eat enough so you will stay healthy.
15. Remember that spiritual warfare is very real. Do not neglect your personal quiet time.

Tips For Returning Home

1. Don't expect too much from other people who did not go on the trip. Chances are they won't be as excited as you are about the Philippines.
2. When people ask about your trip, share briefly.
3. Try to stay in touch with some people from your team.
4. Please contact those people that prayed for you and supported your trip financially.
5. Develop some realistic goals for yourself when you return back home.
6. Don't bore people with your pictures or videos. Allow them to ask you for information about your trip.
7. You cannot take any food, live plants, or animals back home with you.
8. Allow God to further develop your Christian worldview as you return to the U.S.
13. Give God the glory for what you experienced.