



Puerto Rico Mission Trip
The Episcopal School of Jacksonville
Traveling: June 16-21, 2019

Dear ESJ students and parents,

It is with tremendous excitement and anticipation that we announce the ESJ 2019 Mission Trip to Puerto Rico this summer.

The Rev. Teresa Seagle, Greg Hersey, Carolyn Tuttle, and Tess Sturgeon, will be leading a mission trip to Puerto Rico from June 16, 2019, to June 21, 2019. We will be working with YouthWorks (youthworks.com) to improve the conditions for the residents of Puerto Rico. Our work may entail cleaning, painting, yard work, and repairing their houses and schools. In addition, we hope to work with children in a camp setting. We may also work with an organization that helps those struggling with addictions. Our days will include morning and evening devotionals as well as worship experiences with the residents of Puerto Rico. We will know our specific itinerary relative to their needs as we get closer to our departure date.

YouthWorks, a Christian organization, plans and organizes many mission trip groups throughout the year. We will be staying at a church in Puerto Rico about an hour from San Juan airport. We will eat breakfast and dinner there on most days. We will pack our own lunches each day to eat at our mission sites.

We will take up to 18 students on the mission trip. Mission trip applications are attached, and are due by **November 30, 2018**. All current ESJ 8th through 12th graders are invited to apply. Students accepted for the mission trip must be of sound character and mature enough to be able to handle the responsibility and trust which we will place in them. Their attendance record, teacher recommendations, and approval from the school Honor and Discipline Councils will also play a part in the selection process. Please note that applicants will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$1,800. We are still finalizing the price of flights and ground transportation, but we hope to keep the cost below this. The cost of the trip includes airfare, room and meals, all ground transportation within Puerto Rico, emergency medical insurance, and ESJ chaperone accompaniment.

If you would like to be a part of the ESJ Puerto Rico Mission Trip, please complete the attached application and family commitment statement and submit them to The Rev. Teresa Seagle by **November 30, 2019**, along with a \$600 deposit. Please make checks out to the Episcopal School of Jacksonville - memo: Puerto Rico Mission Trip. This \$600 deposit will go toward the overall program cost, but will not be reimbursed if you decide to withdraw after the application deadline. The remaining balance for the trip is due in February 15, 2019. If you have any further questions or would like to submit your application via email, please feel free to reach me at: seaglet@esj.org.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the attached applications, and be assured that further details will follow once the application process has been completed.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Teresa Seagle
Dean of Spiritual Life and Service

