



Christ Church

“To seek and serve Christ in all persons....”

September 16, 2015

Dear parishioner,

This is a special letter we're mailing out to a group of people who have expressed an interest in going on the Medical and Construction Mission Trip with Partners in Development, Ipswich, Mass. (PID) to Guatemala on **January 10 through January 17th** of 2016. It's time to make a commitment. PID is already making flight arrangement suggestions going out of Boston. They can't do that without our making our deposits on line as soon as possible. To help in decision making we are having a brief interest-meeting of all who wish to go on **Sunday, September 20th in the Library** at CCPomfret at 11:30 a.m.

Here are some details. As a Christ Church member the parish/Vestry has promised to match (and in some cases exceed) the amount you need to put up for the trip. PID says their 'base cost' for non-medical personnel is \$800, for medical personnel it is \$660. The cost of airfare is over and above this. Right now it costs about \$500 to go out of NYC, about \$600 to go out of Logan and about \$750 to go out of Bradley (to Guatemala). You need to add this all up depending on your situation and interest. The Church is willing to put in \$650 per person as a subsidy for the trip *after* you've put in your PID deposit (see website) of \$600. Up to a certain point PID will refund you \$500 if you are not able to go unless they've purchased air tickets then you must "bump" your deposit to another trip or lose it. There are no refunds at that point.

So for instance if you are a nurse and flying out from Boston your total bill will be \$660 + \$600 = \$1260... the church provides \$650 hence your cost, out of pocket, will be \$610. This will be less if the flight is less out of Logan or if you wish to leave out of NYC.

If you are going to be doing construction or giving support to the medical professionals but are not a medical professional yourself and are also leaving from Logan then your bill would be \$800 + \$600 = \$1360. The church provides \$650 so out of pocket your cost is \$710.

I've included other copies of documents that PID has on their website. I don't believe any need to be filled out now. In fact some can be done right there on the site itself. I've included these to get a sense of where we will be staying, our transport, whether extra money should be brought with you, gear to bring, your inoculations update plan, the need to have your passport in order, etc.

Please come to the meeting on Sunday, Sept. 20th. You can also call our new phone number or email us at christchurchpomfret@gmail.com. You can also ask at the PID website. Thanks, Dave Carter