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What is the purpose of the Portland Youth Mission Trip?

There are several main purposes of the Portland Youth Mission Trip. At the heart of the trip is an experience that is grounded in building relationships, educating and awareness of issues outside of our “bubbles,” and heart transformation as we step out in service.

Awareness & Education

As you step outside of your world and enter into new places, you are often met with “things that aren’t the same.” This is a key thought as we build and develop our worldview and an understanding that there are people in very different situations than ourselves will help shape an underlying empathy in seeing others as Jesus sees them.

Relationships

The Portland Youth Mission Team will come alongside of existing ministries in Portland (more on that on the next page). It is within these contexts that you will have the opportunity to not only serve but build relationships with the ones you serve. This is central to what it means to be missional in today’s context.

Transformation Through Service

We believe that as you serve Jesus will stir up a transformation in your life. The call to discipleship was never a call to comfort or stagnancy – it was always a call to follow and serve. This will be integral to the Portland Youth Mission Trip.



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Why Portland?

Physically leaving home allows you to go beyond your comfort-zone, experience different culture (even if just slightly), and forces you to engage in a way which you may be more reluctant to at home. As we explored options, Portland Oregon provided a great location that was close but not too close and culturally similar to Kelowna but still a departure from our norms.

Portland also has a serious struggle with homelessness. In 2015 close to 3,800 people slept out on the street, in shelters, or in temporary housing.¹ A part of the mission service would be in assisting organizations who are already tackling this problem.

Our Partnering Organization - Kaleo Missions

Another key reason that we chose Portland was because of Kaleo Missions (<http://www.kaleomissions.org>). Kaleo Missions is an American based organization that provide churches and groups opportunities to take part in a week-long “urban mission trip.” Because Kaleo is already established in Portland they have connections with local ministries and non-profits and know how to best utilize our time as a group coming in. They also take care of the logistics, sleeping, schedule, contacts, everything to make the trip smooth.

Kaleo Missions has several key defining characteristics: The Gospel, The City, Partnerships, Development, Wholistic, and Relational. Out of these they focus their missional work on refugees and immigrants, youth and children, the undereducated, and the homeless. We are thrilled to come alongside Kaleo and serve in the city of Portland.

¹ <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/article/532833>



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Details

Who will be part of the team?

This trip is open to students in grade 8-12.

A team of adults will help lead and facilitate the trip.

The team will be composed of between 8-10 students and 4 leaders.

Cost

- The cost of the trip is **\$600(CDN)**. This includes all meals except two travel meals (one on Sunday and one on Friday), transportation, and lodging for the 5 day trip. The \$600(CDN) is an estimate based on the current exchange rate.
- The Portland Youth Mission Trip Team will commit to fundraising for at least of half of the \$600. This fundraising will be through different events during the year hosted at Mission Creek as well as through personal correspondence.
- **\$100 deposit due with application**

Please note that fundraising is a collective effort for the youth mission team. All funds need to be raised collectively and are pooled together for the overall cost of the trip. Any funds raised past your \$600 target will be dispersed to the team's cost.

Commitments

- Attend pre-trip training sessions
- Maintain a lifestyle that is in-line with the values of MCA Youth.

Summary of Important Dates

- Trip is happening March 19-24
- Applications due November 1 (with \$100 deposit)
- \$600 mission trip cost due March 1

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Please Answer the Following Questions on a Separate Piece of Paper.

1. What is your primary reason for wanting to be a part of the Portland Youth Mission Trip?
2. What would you consider to be your strengths?
3. What would you consider to be your areas of desired growth?
4. How are you currently growing or developing your relationship with Jesus?
5. Please tell us a little about your journey and relationship with God (One Page Max.)
6. What is one thing you hope to learn through this trip?

Agreement

By signing below, I agree to adhere to all of the commitments of the Portland Youth Mission Trip.

Student Signature

Printed Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Printed Name

Date