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REGISTRATION

_____ Yes, I would like to be a member of the LAVIM mission to Cuba, October 17-27, 2011.

_____ I Understand the full cost of the mission to be approximately \$2,200.00. Enclosed is my **deposit of \$500** made payable to **Louisiana Annual Conference, Fund # 11-050**

Name _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Name as it appears on passport (REQUIRED): _____

Passport expiration date: _____

PASSPORT AND IMMUNIZATIONS

A Passport is required. Apply immediately if you do not have one. If you already have a passport, make sure that it will not expire until at least six months after the date of this mission. **Please see your physician or health department** for recommended immunizations for Cuba.



***Insurance**

LAVIM is not responsible for primary travel. And/or medical (including medical evacuation) insurance. It is the responsibility of the missioner to acquire these policies before the mission. A secondary accident insurance policy is provided as part of the fees. The team leader provides an information form, required for participation in this additional coverage, with other necessary registration documents.



Louisiana Volunteers in Mission

CUBA



Work Site: Construction at a Local Church
in the Iglesia Metodista en Cuba
(Anywhere on the island the IMEC needs our assistance)

October 17—27, 2011

WHERE AND WHAT

This construction mission team will travel to the 42,803 square mile island of Cuba, just 90 miles off the coast of Florida. The team will help with the remodeling or rebuilding of a local church or parsonage—wherever the bishop and cabinet of the Cuba Methodist Church feel we are most needed. LAVIM and the Louisiana Conference Cuba Initiative boast a long history of strong “hands on” mission effort to this, one of our most intriguing international neighbors. The Mission Center in Havana houses the office of the Bishop and headquarters the mission of the Cuban Methodist Church. The team will initially house at the Center in Havana, then at lodging provided by the local church.

WHO

Both experienced and inexperienced volunteers are needed. Professional or experienced carpenters, plumbers, roofers, and electricians are sought for any construction and repair work team. “Go-fers”, those who enjoy repairing their own homes, weekend painters, hobbyists and those who want to learn a new skill will also find this mission a satisfactory experience. There will be a job for everyone. Spanish translators are a specific need.

COST

The cost of the mission per team member is approximately \$2,200.00. The exact cost will be available later when air contracts are completed. The fee includes visa, air and ground transportation, meals and lodging, administration fees and insurance*. Meals en route and airport departures fees are not covered in the cost. A deposit of \$500 is due with registrations and fees should be mailed to the VIM office in Baton Rouge.

The Conference Board of Global Ministries on behalf of the Louisiana Annual Conference has given a \$5,500.00 building materials donation. The “hands on” work of this team will be supported by this gift. Unexpended funds from the operational budget of individual LAVIM teams are automatically transferred to the LAVIM Reserve Fund and used for program developments or other LAVIM teams that have need of unanticipated or emergency support.

Volunteers are to observe the LAVIM policies of abstinence from alcohol, drugs, tobacco and vulgarity while on the mission.

CLOTHING AND WATER

Clothing communicates a message. Volunteers should dress modestly. You need to take clothing for warm to hot weather. Blue jeans and T-shirts are adequate working attire. Dress clothes are not needed but bring neat leisure clothing for after hours and worship. Remember you will be serving in a country where dress for Christians is normally conservative. At no time are halter-tops, tank tops, short-shorts of any kind appropriate while serving on a Louisiana VIM team. Adequate protection from the heat and sun is essential. Cuba’s subtropical climate is warm and humid.

TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, MEALS AND WHAT TO BRING

The team will fly to Cancun, Mexico, to board an international flight to Havana. Team housing, meals and local transportation have been arranged by United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) in Cuba. Lodging will be safe and comfortable but basic at the Conference center and local church facility. Meals will include cultural favorites and will be healthy and plentiful. Volunteers should pack toilet paper, washcloths, and personal hygiene items, including soap. Donations, such as medical supplies and educational materials, may be suggested to volunteers by the team leader according to the latest requests of church officials in Cuba.

