

Appendix G-3 Mutual Mission

Jamaica Ecumenical Mutual Mission Partners

Dental Mission

It is our hope that all of you are aware of the relationship that is shared with our Jamaican Partners in the Presbytery of St. Augustine. This relationship is known as JEMM (Jamaican Ecumenical Mutual Mission) and SAMM (St. Augustine Mutual Mission).

Our Dental Partnership began in early 1990 and has continued now with the exception of these last two years because of COVID restrictions in Jamaica.

Jim Gaff and Bob Bell traveled to Jamaica for the Dedication of the Tooth Bus on June 30, 2022. Jim Gaff participated in the “cutting of the Ribbon” as part of the ceremony.

It is our sincere hope that we will be able to have a Dental trip in the beginning of the year 2023. Our Dental teams are a diverse group that not only pull teeth, but do teeth fillings, make dentures for people and also do teeth cleanings.

We would very much like for persons in the Presbytery that are dentists or dental hygienist to come on these missions and help us to provide these services.

<https://www.staugpres.org/tooth-bus-dedication/>

Castor Bean Project

Our JEMM Partners in Jamaica have embarked on a project to impart knowledge and skills to rural, marginalized community men and women in the Agricultural sector of Jamaica.

This project will equip them to provide for their families and be productive citizens and become environmentally conscious of the effects of building the agriculture sector. This project will give them a skills base and knowledge on:

- the growing of Castor beans
- the proper use and application of fertilizer, pesticides and fungicides
- the need for environmental care and its relationship to climate issues
- providing opportunities for employment
- systemic and consistent engagement in reducing and ultimately elimination poverty

<https://www.staugpres.org/castor-project/>

What the Mutual Missions would like to have from Pastors and Church Mission Committees:

- Make the Mutual Missions program of the Presbytery a priority
- Continue to include our mission work in your personal and congregational giving

Contact the Co-Chairs:

Bob Bell (bnbell@gtcom.net) or Mark Poole (mepoole@bellsouth.net)

2023 Cuba Mission Trip February 10-17, 2023



Next year's Cuba Mission Trip is planned for February 10-17, 2023 and is designed to establish a long term relationship with the Matanzas Presbytery in Cuba and it's churches. It will be a working mission trip.

The deadline to apply for February's Cuba Mission Trip is October 1! Applications and a copy of the picture page of applicant's passport must be sent to Joseph Medearis by October 1. A \$250 deposit should be sent to the presbytery no later than October 7. If you are interested in going, but it is past the application, contact Joseph Medearis ASAP to check if space is available.

[Application for 2023 Cuba Mission Trip](#)

As deadlines for obtaining visas and other documents are critical in dealing with travel to Cuba, the October 1 deadline is firm.

Arrangements and costs are being finalized and will be shared when more details are available. A very rough estimate of costs are \$1000, plus airfare.

Please forward this information to your Sessions and Mission/Outreach teams. Any questions can be directed to Joseph Medearis at josephmedearis@gmail.com.

Peace and Blessings,
Rev. Joseph Medearis and the Mutual Mission Team