

Summer 2017 Mission Trip to the Boardwalk Chapel

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome to 2017!

The Covenant OPC youth group in Orland Park, Illinois is putting together a team of high-school students to spend a week at the **Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, New Jersey** this summer. The Boardwalk Chapel was established in 1945 as an evangelism ministry of the OPC. During the day they do sidewalk evangelism and local outreach to the community through a VBS for low-income children, pro-life ministries, and meals for international workers. Every evening they put on a program featuring songs, dramas, testimonies, and a Gospel message. Visiting groups from churches around the country stay at the chapel for a week, receive training in apologetics and evangelism, observe and assist in the various ministries, and eventually get to put on one of the evening programs by participating through drama, music, and technical audio/visual support.

We will be heading to the Boardwalk Chapel **July 22-29, 2017**. There is room for up to 18 students, and we would like to invite any high-schoolers in the Presbytery of the Midwest to come with us. We have attached a student application and waiver; please contact **Peter Onnink at 920-207-3795 or peteopc@hotmail.com** for more information. **Applications are due April 1, 2017.**

As part of preparations, we are holding a fundraiser for the trip on **Friday, April 22** at Covenant OPC in Orland Park. There will be Boardwalk-themed food and a program similar to what they put on at the chapel every night. Pastor James Zozzaro, director of the Boardwalk Chapel, will also be with us to MC the evening and share more about the history and mission of the mission. Even if you cannot go on the trip, please join us that evening!

We are thankful to be part of God's family with you, and to partner in the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ at home and abroad.

Sincerely,
the Covenant OPC Youth Group Committee

Covenant OPC 2017 Boardwalk Chapel Missions Trip Application

Goals: The Boardwalk Chapel Mission Trip is a unique, reformed, Gospel-centered, evangelistic outreach. The ministry provides our high-schoolers an opportunity to grow spiritually through training, exposure to unique evangelism opportunities, and daily experience.

Tentative Schedule:

Saturday July 22 – Drive to Wildwood, NJ

Sunday July 23 – worship at Calvary OPC in the morning, Boardwalk Chapel in the evening

Monday-Friday, July 24-28 – training, evangelism, nightly programs

Saturday, July 29 – Drive back to Orland Park, IL

Lodging and Meals: Students will stay in separated male and female sleeping quarters at the chapel. There is a kitchen on the premises for meal preparation.

Contact Information: Pete Onnink (920-207-3795 or peteopc@hotmail.com)

Application Deadline: Please complete the two-page application and return by **April 1, 2017**

Student Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Allergies (if any): _____

Medications (if any): _____

Parent/Guardian/Emergency Contact Name: _____

Contact information: _____ **Relationship:** _____

I, the parent or legal guardian of (student's name) _____, give permission for my child to attend the Covenant Church Summer Missions Trip to the Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, New Jersey, on **July 22-29, 2017**. I also give permission for Covenant team leaders to authorize the administration of medical treatment for my child during the course of the project in case of an emergency. I certify that the information above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Students, please reflect on these questions as you prayerfully consider attending this missions project. Write your answers below or on the backside of this paper.

1. How would you describe your relationship with Christ? Who is He to you, and how is this relationship maintained?

2. Why are you considering attending this missions project? What do you hope to accomplish, and/or how do you intend to grow spiritually?

3. Do you have any experience with the performing arts, be it creative (music lessons, drama classes, etc) or technical (audio or video technology)? Please describe. **(Note: It is all right if you do not!)**

4. Do you have any experience with evangelizing as a group to the general public? If so, please describe. **(Note: It is all right if you do not!)**

Applicant's Statement: I, the undersigned, certify that the answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and ability. I also certify that if I attend this missions project, I am under the authority of my team leaders and will submit to their leadership during the course of the trip.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Important: The legal guardian of each student must read and sign this "Release and Waiver of Liability" before the student participates in the trip. Please complete this form and hand it in to a trip organizer before the trip begins.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

This Release and Waiver of Liability (the "Release"), by the minor participant and his/her legal guardian, _____, (the "Guardian") in favor of COVENANT ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, USA, and its directors, officers, employees, and agents (collectively, the "Church").

The minor, _____, (the "Minor") desires to participate in the Hurricane Sandy service trip (the "Activities") hosted, sponsored or facilitated by the Church from Saturday, July 11, 2015 to Saturday, July 18, 2015. We, the Guardian and Minor, hereby freely and voluntarily, without duress, execute this Release under the following terms:

- 1. Waiver and Release.** I, the Guardian, release and forever discharge and hold harmless the Church and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Minor's participation in the Activities. I understand and acknowledge that this Release discharges the Church from any liability or claim that Guardian or Minor may have against the Church with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from Minor's participation in the Activities. I also understand that the Church does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health or disability insurance, in the event of injury, illness, death or property damage.
- 2. Insurance.** I, the Guardian, understand that I expressly waive any such claim for compensation or liability on the part of the Church in the event of such injury or medical expense.
- 3. Medical Treatment.** I, the Guardian, hereby release and forever discharge the Church from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first-aid treatment or other medical services rendered during Minor's time with the Church, including, but not limited to, services rendered in the event of a medical emergency and the administration of medication to Minor, whether or not such was expressly authorized by Guardian.
- 4. Assumption of the Risk.** I, the Guardian, understand that Minor's time with the Church may include activities that may be hazardous to the Minor, including, but not limited to, construction activities, loading and unloading of heavy equipment and materials, and local transportation to and from work sites. I recognize and understand that the Minor's time with the Church may, in some situations, involve inherently dangerous activities. I, the Guardian, hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm in these activities and release the Church from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the activities of Minor's time with the Church.
- 5. Media Release.** I, the Guardian, grant and convey unto the Church all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by the Church during Minor's participation in the Activities, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.
- 6. Other.** I, the Guardian, expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Illinois in the United States of America, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____ Emergency Contact Phone # _____

Print Guardian's Name _____ Print Minor's Name _____

Guardian's Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____