Dear Applicant,

We are excited about your interest in the trip to Haiti with FCCH in 2016. The opportunity for our church family to partner with rural pastors in northwest Haiti is quite significant, and this promises to be an encouraging trip! We hope to serve alongside our Haitian brothers and sisters on four fronts: to help with construction efforts on an economic center they are currently building, to provide preventative medical care to children, to conduct children’s ministry at area schools, and to facilitate continuing Bible education for twelve rural pastors and their ministry associates.

A number of considerations make this trip appropriate for advanced travelers only:

• The rural churches in the Association are a long distance from the airport in Port-au-Prince. Our team will spend roughly six and a half hours traveling by truck to our destination near Port-de-Paix.

• The project options in this part of rural Haiti are best suited for adults who are quite physically fit. The rough car travel could exacerbate back problems for some adults, and the uneven ground could be difficult for those with mobility challenges.

• The rustic nature of our accommodations and cultural distance for Americans who have never traveled abroad could present a significant challenge for some.

• The remoteness of our location means that there is little access to medical assistance in the event of emergency. Our team will travel with a trained health professional who will act as our medical escort, and each team member will be registered for evacuation insurance.

Prospective applicants and their families should also carefully review the U.S. State Department’s travel warning for Haiti (http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/haiti-travel-warning.html) as well as the CDC’s recommendations (http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/haiti).

Please spend some time in prayer and discussion with your family about this trip before submitting your application. We look forward to hearing from you about any questions as you consider applying.

With thanks,
FCCH Missions Committee
Questions?

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Instructions:
1. Please fill out this application neatly, completely, and honestly using blue/black ink or return electronically.
2. Carefully read and consider the Risk Statement below. There will also be a risk assessment specific to each trip, done by the missions committee.
3. Make sure that you have signed the final page.

Risk Statement:

While the missions committee of FCCH, in partnership with a sending organization, will take measures to minimize safety and health risks for trip participants, certain unforeseen incidents can arise and we cannot guarantee safety. Traveling to and working in many countries, and even many US cities, carries inherent risks. These include criminal acts, weather emergencies and health crises. If any of these events should occur, there would also be emotional consequences.

While the missions committee will conduct a risk assessment for each sponsored trip, all participants are encouraged to do their own research and risk review especially with respect to any personal health or other challenges.

All participants are responsible to receive recommended immunizations and vaccinations. Any personal health issues should be disclosed to trip leaders so potential medical treatments can be considered and planned.
First Congregational Church of Hamilton
2016 Haiti Trip Application

Name: __________________________________________     Date of Birth: _____________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ______________________________ Mobile Phone: _____________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________________

Profession/School: ____________________________________________________________________

Passport #: __________________ Exp. Date: ______________     Country of Issue: ________________

Emergency Contact Name: _____________________________ Relationship: _____________________

Emergency Contact Email: ________________________________  Phone: ______________________

Please feel free to write or type your responses on separate sheets of paper if that is easier for you.

1. Why do you want to go on this trip?

2. What do you hope to contribute to the team?

3. Please describe your involvement in our church or in other Christian ministry.
4. Describe your relationship with Jesus Christ and your spiritual life over the past six months.

5. Please provide a summary of your cross-cultural and/or international experience.

6. Please prioritize your interest in the four sub-teams for this trip, with “1” being your first choice and “4” being your last choice.

- Biblical Training Team
- Preventative Medicine Team
- Construction Team
- Children’s Ministry Team
7. Please list any background or experience (in the above areas or others) that you believe could be helpful to the team.

8. Do you speak any Creole or French? Please describe.

9. Please describe your general physical condition. Do you have any restrictions on physical activity?

10. How do you hope this trip will contribute to your ongoing growth in Christ?

In the event that we need to learn more about you, who are two non-family members who would be willing to give a reference for you?

Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________

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By signing below I agree to ALL of the following…please initial each item showing you have read them all:

• I will attend and participate fully in every possible pre- and post-trip meeting and meet all appropriate requirements and deadlines. _____
• I will check my email frequently as this is the primary means of team communication. ______
• I will submit myself to the leadership of my team and their decisions. ______
• I will follow the safety policies prescribed for the trip. ______

Signature __________________________ Date ______________________

Return to: Missions@FCCHamilton.org