INSTITUTE FOR LATIN AMERICAN CONCERN
FAITH & SERVICE VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION

General Description
The ILAC Faith and Service Volunteer program is a volunteer program in the Dominican Republic grounded in service and faith. Its goals are consistent with the Ignatian tradition and asks volunteers to constantly apply their experience of immersion and service to their relationships and overall mission. Volunteers are expected to seek the core values of faith, service and simplicity in their everyday lives and process this experience with fellow volunteers.

The Faith and Service Volunteer will serve the Creighton-ILAC program to which they are assigned. Options include working with short-term mission groups, the Creighton University Encuentro Dominicano semester program and/or ILAC/CESI projects. Volunteers will also spend some time at a designated service site in the city of Santiago. Site placement will follow a mutual discernment process to best fit the volunteer and the community.

Start Date: early January 2020 (an earlier start date is desired, if possible)
End Date: late July 2020

In addition to the service commitment, volunteers will also:

- Participate in weekly reflections with fellow Faith and Service Volunteers
- Engage in monthly check-in meetings with fellow volunteers and ILAC-Creighton staff
- Attend two retreats offered throughout the year for further spiritual development
- Must be available to work nights, weekends and/or holidays
- Must be comfortable leading faith-based activities, such as reflections
- Commit to service beginning January 2020 (or earlier) through the end of July 2020

Qualifications
- Bachelor’s degree completed
- Spanish and English proficiency
- Prior experience in some form of service-immersion and/or living experience in a Latin American country is required

Remuneration
Each volunteer receives a monthly stipend of US$200.00, room & board at the ILAC Center (valued at US$45.00 per day), international health insurance and travel health insurance coverage, and one round trip ticket from any city in the US to Santiago, Dominican Republic. Loan deferral can be arranged upon request.
About Creighton-ILAC
Creighton University has had a presence in the Dominican Republic for 45 years. We are hosted by the Centro de Educacion para la Salud Integral (CESI), well-known by its English name, Misión ILAC, with whom we have a very close partnership. This partnership grew from efforts to provide immersive experiences in health services and has expanded to other initiatives including supporting a semester-long academic service learning program for undergraduate students, Encuentro Dominicano, facilitating service and immersion experiences for partner high schools, and assisting with surgical missions and medical rotations.

All of Creighton's ILAC programs emphasize the importance of global vision and understanding in the process of educating well-rounded individuals. To this end it offers dental, medical, nursing, pharmacy, law, physical therapy and occupational therapy, undergraduate and high school students, and also to faculty-led groups, medical/surgical teams and other colleges the opportunity for service-learning and immersion experiences in the rural Dominican Republic.