



Dear Friends,

There's lots happening at church as we prepare for two of our signature summer events—Lobsterpalooza and the Youth Mission Trip; anticipate more great music from Jubilate; and dream of keeping us all connected through a new Christ Church calendar. You will find out more about all of the above in the following letter and the enclosed fliers.

While not our usual *Chi Rho*, consider this mailing more of a “news bulletin” than a “newsletter.” Don't worry: *Chi Rho* will return in July! Until then, I give thanks for all of you and the great gift of community in this place!

Faithfully, *Mother Suzanne*

### **YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2010: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

We are only weeks away from our mission trip! Sixteen Christ Church senior high youth and five adult chaperones will serve in the Dominican Republic from June 28-July 3. Each year our youth learn, give back, and grow in extraordinary ways during their mission trips.

During this mission trip, we will help construct a new church, San Simon Apostol, in the city of Puerto Plata. The Episcopal Church is growing rapidly in the Dominican Republic; right now, San Simon Apostol is designated as a “preaching station,” similar to a “mission” church. Once the community has a permanent church building, the parish can grow and better spread the Gospel and serve the town. We will help prepare the building site and begin the project, which will be continued and completed by groups that follow us.

During this week we will not only help others but also grow in faith as we forge relationships across cultures, deepen bonds within our group, and spend time in prayer together. In the final weeks before the trip, we are asking for your help in the following ways:

1. Pray for us and those we will befriend in the Dominican Republic. We especially welcome prayers for strong bodies, open hearts, and God's spirit among us!
2. Tell others about our mission trip; we want to spread the “good news” about our youth and their work!
3. The youth have worked very hard to raise **\$20,300** of the approximately **\$25,000** needed for this trip. Help us close the gap between the funds we've raised and those we still need by putting money into the “church” bank during the offertory and/or by buying the stock that's sold after each service.
4. Consider underwriting a segment of the trip: \$1250 covers the total cost of one participant; \$250 covers building materials for one youth; \$132 covers lodging for one youth; \$50 provides lunch for one youth and one Dominican worker during our work days.

Thank you for all you have done already to support the Youth Mission Trip!