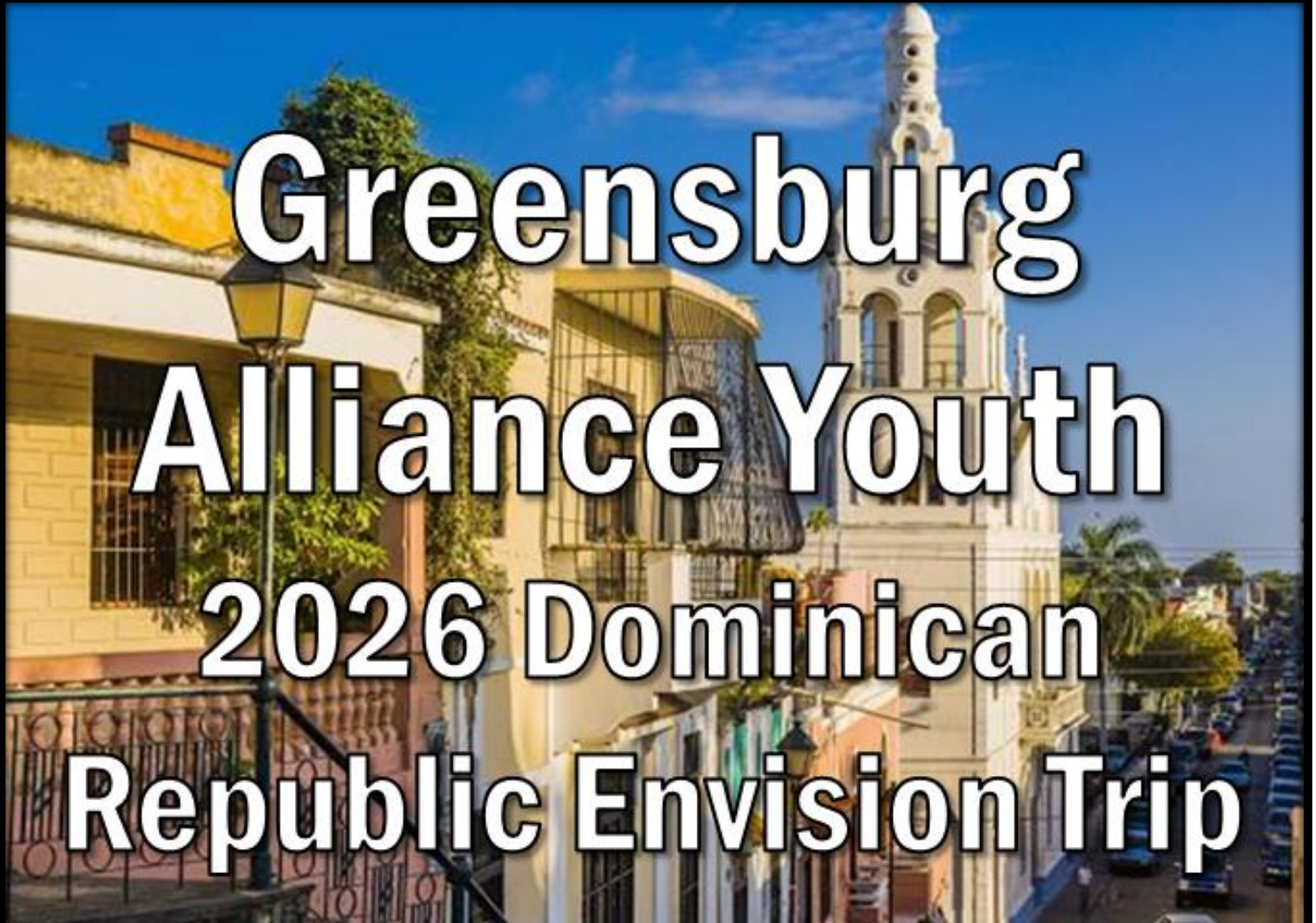




Greensburg Alliance Youth 2026 Dominican Republic Envision Trip



**June 13-20
2026**

GAC Youth Dominican Republic Missions Trip

Get ready for an unforgettable experience! This year prayerfully consider kicking off your summer break by joining us on our Youth Envision trip to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. On this trip our team will have the chance to join with the workers at an established missions' site to serve alongside local churches, share God's love through ministry and outreach, and make a real impact in the community.

Aside from the ministry work at hand, on this trip participants will experience the excitement of travel with chances to explore the vibrant culture of the Dominican Republic. We will see the historic sights of the colonial district, try some fantastic local food and visit one of the local beaches. We can't wait to see what God will do through our team!

What is Envision Dominican Republic (Description taken from their manual)

Envision Dominican Republic (A C&MA Mission's site) is located in the capital city of Santo Domingo, home to over 3 million people. Santo Domingo is the oldest Western city in the Americas. A city founded by Christopher Columbus' son, Bartholomew, in 1496, it became a city of firsts: the first university, first castle, and even the first entry point for Christianity in the new world. Unfortunately, today only 11-12 percent of the population have a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Envision DR has the great privilege of partnering with the Dominican Alliance Church to identify and develop the next generation of leaders through three main strategies: the Greenhouse University Coffeeshop/student center, One Child development centers, and local church ministry.

Our main site's main focus, the Greenhouse coffee shop/student center, is located next to the largest public university in the Dominican Republic, and we seek to be a place of refuge for their 50,000+ students. We love having both American and Dominican believers serve there with us as part of their own development and understanding of missions. Yes, the Dominican Republic is a beautiful island, but there is so much work left to do in spreading the gospel message!

Building our Team and The Importance of Trips Like These

This trip is open to all students 15 and up (as of June 2026). The total number of leaders will depend on the amount of student who register. After registration concludes we will be working together (both students and leaders) to prepare our team for this trip by meeting a number of times before the day of departure for team building exercises and check-ins. The information about our trip preparation will be distributed after registration closes.

Short term trips are extremely important for the future of missions. They are a fantastic mix of experiences and opportunities that will stretch a student's perspective for the rest of his or her life. They provide the unique touchpoint that allows students to see missions work up close and personal. Our team will have a week to interact and connect with people from another culture and see how God is shaping a ministry team to creatively reach people for Jesus.

When is the trip? And what does registration look like?

The trip will take place **June 13-June 20, 2026**

Departure and return times are unavailable at this time because that will depend on the specific flights.

Registration will be open **Sunday, October 12 – Sunday, November 16, 2025.**

Registration will require a \$200* non-refundable deposit (total cost will be \$1,600) along with a completed registration slip handed directly to Pastor Rigel Holmes, Julie Holmes, or Janice Calhoun. Plane tickets and registration may be booked shortly after our registration closes so please understand that our deadline is firm.

***All check must be made payable (for any youth event) to Greensburg Alliance Church.**

What is the total cost of the trip and what does it include?

The total cost of the trip is \$1,600.00

The cost includes the following:

- Transportation to and from the airports.
- A standard round-trip plane ticket (and all costs associated including luggage and taxes)
- A week of programming and activity at the Envision site including ground transportation, scheduled ministry events and activities.
- Lodging at the DR Envision house
- Scheduled meals on the trip (*See below for more details about additional meals)
- Any sight-seeing outings we may undertake as a team while on the trip
- A GAC Youth DR Trip t-shirt

Not included in the cost:

- Any costs associated with securing proper identification needed for travel.
- Airport food on the day of departure (please plan to cover a departure meal).
- Extra snacks at the airport or during the trip.
- Any food ordered on the beach (aside from the meal we provide).
- Any costs or a refund associated with a student leaving early or dropping out (There is no way for us to recover money on most of the aspects of this trip- registration, plane tickets etc. so there will be no refunds).

Why does it cost so much and how will I pay for it?

\$1,600 is a big number, so you may be asking yourself how we came up with it.

The cost for each participant is \$800 for the week for the Envision missions program. The cost of the plane tickets will be in the \$600-700 range with added fees and luggage costs (depending on the airline). There are also a number of extra things that we will be covering along the way to make the experience of each participant a memorable trip. Please note that we will not be folding the cost of our leaders into the fee that we charge our students.

About halfway through the time between registration and departure, Pastor Rigel will be checking in with all registered members of the team about fundraising and their financial progress. This is to make sure that every team member is on track (or has a plan to cover the balance). All payments for the trip will be due no later than a week before departure (Sunday, June 7) to ensure a smooth trip.

Fundraising:

With a trip as substantial as this one we will offer a number of fundraisers throughout the year. It should be noted that these are offered to help a family pay for the trip but are not a guarantee that they will cover the entirety of the cost of the trip. While things are still being solidified, we have a pepperoni roll fundraiser as well as a caramel apple fundraiser on the calendar (both with a profit margin 50% or higher). Support letters can also be a part of reaching your fundraising goal.

TIP- *A good rule of thumb is to subtract the deposit from the overall cost of the trip. Then divide the remaining balance by two. Most students who enthusiastically participate in ALL of the fundraisers offered should be able to get past that halfway mark without a problem.*

TIP- *If you plan on paying for the trip completely out of pocket please let us know ahead of time or at least along the way so that we do not worry about your status as we get closer to the trip.*

Quick answers to common questions:

I can find plane tickets online for much less, what gives?

The price for booking tickets will fluctuate and can differ depending on the number of tickets that you need on a particular flight. There are also a number of airlines that are not recommended for group travel because of reliability, willingness to bump passengers without warning, and lack of back up options if something happens with the flight. Additionally, some flights will only appear cheaper because they don't include the eventual cost that they charge for the luggage that we will need for the trip.

Once we register will there be informational meetings about the trip?

Yes – We are not just taking a trip but we are building a team. In the months leading up to the trip there will be a number of communications and interactions that we will have to make sure that we are all on the same page. We will even get together and do some training of our team members as well. The times and dates for these interactions will be forthcoming. You can also contact Pastor Rigel at any time along the way with questions (gacyouth@gmail.com (724) 575-2862). There is also a helpful Envision DR site guide that you can also download (<https://weareenvision.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-Dominican-Republic-Handbook.pdf>).

Will my teen be safe on a trip like this?

Yes – While we can't make any promises, this Envision site has been running trips for both youth and adults for years. The missionaries that we will be working with know their way around the city and will do their best to ensure a great experience. The sleeping quarters are not only spacious, clean and secure they are located in nice neighborhood. The ministries that we will be participating in (Greenhouse Coffee shop, One Child site & local churches) are all welcoming and full of helpful people who have been partnering with this ministry for a while. We will also be bringing a number of seasoned youth leaders who will do their best to keep the safety of your children in mind as they help lead this trip.

What if I have more questions about the trip right now?

Please contact Pastor Rigel Holmes directly (724) 575-2862 ~ gacyouth@gmail.com and he will answer any questions you may have. He has been to the Envision site and can answer almost any question from travel, to lodging and safety with the information that is currently available.

If you are ready to register please detach and return the form on the next page with your deposit.

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Envision Trip Registration Form

Saturday, June 13 – Saturday, June 20

To register for Envision trip to the DR, please fill out this form in its entirety and return it to Rigel Holmes, with a non-refundable deposit of \$200 by Sunday, November 16 (registration opens October 12). Please note to attend this trip you must be 15 by the last day in June 2026.

Total Trip Cost: \$1,600

Student's Full Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone Number (if you'll have it on the trip) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Birthday _____ Current Age _____ Grade (2025-2026 School Year) _____

Age by last day of June 2026 _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Special Accommodations/Needs (Allergies, Health, Etc.)

Parent's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Parent's E-Mail Address _____

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Please be sure to write clearly so we can e-mail you important information!