



November 2019

**2020 SOLIDARITY TOUR
BRAZIL**

The Solidarity Tour has returned with a Tour planned for July 7th-22nd, 2020! Young adult members of Development and Peace are invited to join us for a visit to our partners in Brazil.

In the past, we have organized solidarity tours to give opportunities for members of the movement to meet the partners we work with on the ground, to better understand the work and to reinforce their commitment to social justice. This tour is also an excellent opportunity to encounter a different reality and a different culture. As with our last few tours, this will be a pan-Canadian, bilingual tour. This is an excellent chance to share an enriching experience with members from across the country!

Attached, you will find a description of the application criteria, and a Participant Application form. Interested young adults must complete the form and send it to Selina Hunt no later than **January 20, 2020**.

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Applications will be evaluated by the Youth Programs Officer and an animator. Participants will be selected and contacted during the week of February 3, 2020.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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DETAILS OF TOUR**

General objectives:

- To promote better understanding of the development work of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE partners on the ground.
- To enable young people to visit a country in the Global South where they will gain concrete understanding of more complex social issues that they can then bring back to their communities.
- Reinforcing participants' motivation for solidarity and social justice and encourage participation in DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.
- To strengthen links between the young members of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE at the national level.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE Partners in Brazil

The group will have the opportunity to meet with our partners on the ground and their various development programs and projects. In July 2020, the congress of the Pastoral Land Commission (CPT) will take place in Marabá, in the state of Pará, Brazil. This important meeting will involve many Development and Peace partners. REPAM (The Pan-Amazonian Ecumenical Network- Brazil), Caritas, and CIMI (Indigenous Missionary Council) will be in attendance. Development and Peace is directly supporting this Congress financially, and it is a wonderful opportunity for young adult members of Development and Peace to learn about these organizations and movements.

During this Solidarity Tour, you will also learn more about Social Pastorals of the Brazilian Catholic Church who demonstrate how faith guides social action and activism. Development and Peace has worked with these Social Pastorals for decades.

Part of this Solidarity Tour will involve delivering the Solidarity Letters that thousands of Canadians have signed! <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/forourcommonhome/action>

Partners and areas to visit:

REPAM: The Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network- Brazil and **CIMI: The Indigenous Missionary Council** seek social justice for Indigenous and marginalized Amazonian communities. They help people organize, litigate, advocate and publicize their causes. They also draw global attention to the treats faced by the Amazon and its peoples.

CPT: The Pastoral Land Commission is an arm of the National Conference of Bishops in Brazil. It documents abuses of the rights of indigenous peoples like the *seringueiros* and helps them challenge unjust land seizures. CPT also promotes ecological justice, human rights, and genuine land reform.

The CPT is the group that will be holding their congress from July 12-16 2020 in Marabá, the state of Pará.

You can read more about the work of our partners in Brazil at :

<https://www.devp.org/en/international/brazil>

<https://www.cptnacional.org.br/>

https://www.devp.org/sites/www.devp.org/files/documents/materials/devpeace_commo_nhome_community_profiles_en-v02.pdf

Dates of Tour:

The tour to Brazil is planned to take place between **July 7th – 22nd 2020**. Exact dates to be confirmed. Two days of orientation will be held immediately prior to our departure to Brazil (location to be determined), and the tour will last approximately 15 days.

Location:

Brazil, South America

Financial Information:

Each participant will have to contribute approximately **\$3000** toward the cost of their Tour. This can be amassed through fundraising in their local community (hosting fundraising events, applying for grants, sales of fair-trade products, etc). Look for ways to fundraise that will provide educational opportunities for those in your community and give better visibility to your journey and its purpose. DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE animation staff and the Youth Programs Officer are happy to provide you with ideas and support along the way! The amount you contribute will be used to cover costs of the tour including international and local transportation, accommodation and food, etc.

NOTE:

- Each participant is responsible for the cost of vaccinations prior to travel. You should consult a physician in a travel health clinic to inform you of recommended vaccines, both highly recommended and required ones.
- The successful candidates will have to submit a first non-refundable deposit of \$100 to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE on or before March 1st, 2020 to secure their place.

Eligibility:

- Be between 25 and 40 years (25 years old at the start of the tour, or 40 at the time of application). We are flexible, based on the applications we receive!
- Have been an active member of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE for at least six months and your involvement must have been consistent and notable throughout the year.
- Be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident.
- Be available for travel between July 5th and July 23rd, 2020 (pre-departure meeting + tour + travel home)

- * in good physical and mental health
- * willing to adapt to a different culture (food, manners, etc.)
- * undertake to use this experience to enhance their involvement in and to promote Development & Peace in their parish, diocese, school etc. level upon return
- Priority will be given to those who have not already participated in a D&P Solidarity Tour.

Who:

The group will be comprised of 10-15 people:

- Anglophone and Francophone members
- The Youth Programs Officer and an Animator, staff persons from DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Medical: It is important to ensure that your routine vaccinations are up to date. Talk to a travel health care professional at least 6 weeks prior to travel to discuss what is right for you.

Yellow Fever: There is a risk of Yellow Fever in the area of Brazil you will be visiting. **There is currently a shortage of the yellow fever vaccine in Canada.** It is important for travellers to contact a designated Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre well in advance of their Tour to ensure that the vaccine is available: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/travel-health/yellow-fever/vaccination-centres-canada-ontario.html>

Mosquitos: It is important to ensure that you take precautions against mosquito bites, as they can carry many diseases. Wearing long sleeves, light-coloured, loose clothing and using bug spray and mosquito nets are good ways of preventing bites.

You can find more information at this link: <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/brazil#health>

INVOLVEMENT REQUIRED

Prior to Departure:

- Participate in preparatory meetings by phone (approximately one call per month beginning in February).
- Be able to participate in self-study before departure, specifically doing research and reading related to the tour.
- Participate in fundraising activities to contribute financially to the project.
- Participate in a two-day pre-departure training session (July 2020).

During the Tour:

- Actively participate in conferences and activities organized by DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE and those of the host partners (visiting partners and projects, etc).

- Be able and willing to write articles and testimonials for the organization's Blog during and immediately following the tour.
- Participate in daily debriefing sessions to share thoughts and learnings in connection with the day's activities and involvement in the tour.
- Participate in an evaluation at the end of the tour prior to leaving for Canada.

Upon Return Home:

- Participate in the drafting of a group report and articles for the Blog and other media.
- Organize and lead educational activities or events to raise awareness in your community about the issues raised during the tour and in relation to the campaign themes of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.
 - Share your experiences with members of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE during certain events: the National Youth Assembly, Diocesan Council meetings, etc.
 - Share your experiences outside the framework of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE to encourage others to join the movement and educate others about the work of the organization worldwide.
- Continue your involvement in the general activities of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE in your region or group. Participate in campaigns in connection to ecological justice and share your knowledge on the subject.

**If you would like to be a member of the delegation to Brazil to meet our partners,
read and complete the registration form!
We look forward to receiving your application!**