

Re: Mission proposal for Lay Dominican Family of WDP
From: Fr. Francis Hung Le, O.P. Provincial promoter for Lay Dominican Family
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Dominican English Enrichment Program (DEEP)

Jesus said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." (Lk.5:4).

Mission Objective

DEEP is an international non-profit mission of the Lay Dominican Family of the Western Dominican Province, USA, which provides English tutoring program for religious members of the Dominican Order in developing countries so that they might have a better command of the English language for their academic pursuit of *Veritas ... Truth*.

Staff - Core team

Mission coordinator: Mr. Harold Verdun, OP (Antioch, CA); e-mail: holyrosarytutoring@hotmail.com

LPC President: Mrs. Denise Harvey, OP (Beverly Hills, CA)

Academic advisors: Fr. James Thompson, OP (Seattle, WA)

Legal advisor: Mr. John Keenan, OP (Boise, Idaho)

Financial advisor: Mrs. Angie Verdun, OP (Antioch, CA)

Chaplain: Fr. Francis Hung Q. Le, OP (Seattle, WA)

Requirements & Job descriptions ...

Volunteers -

- Catholic; recommended by local religious assistant or local pastors.
- Good health to adapt with the living abroad for at least 1 month.
- Must possess English teaching skill. (*No knowledge of local language is necessary.*)
- Provide one's own round trip tickets to and from mission area. (Note: Room & board are provided by mission hosts; the men will stay with the friars and the women will be with the religious sisters).

Mission coordinator -

- Recruit and screen volunteers
- Contact OP hosts (e.g. Student Master) and make assignments for volunteers
- Debrief or follow up with mission volunteers and hosts

Academic advisors -

- Work with mission coordinator on academic requirements for students, pedagogy, teaching materials, testing standards (e.g. midterm or/and final exams, TOEFL test), etc.

Legal advisor -

- File an application for US non-profit status for DEEP
- Design a Memo of Understanding's for DEEP's volunteers

Financial advisor -

- Bookkeeping

Pilot mission starting Summer 2018

For the first few formative years, the mission will be launched at the Dominican Studium, Novitiate House, and Postulant House of the Dominican Province in Vietnam. There are about 90 friars in academic formation, 15 in the Novitiate, and 40 in Postulancy; most of these men are bright college graduates.

Every month 3 tutor volunteers are sent to Vietnam. One teaches grammars, one for reading and writing, and one for oral communication.

Promised harvest ...great catch and fruits

- Enrichment of contemplative and academic pursuit of members of the Dominican Order and Church
- Strengthen Mission collaboration between provinces, among friars and laity of the Order
- Expansion and growth of membership for Dominican Family and beyond

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