TEAM COMMITTMENT FORM – THE JAMAICAN EXPERIENCE 2015

(To be signed and dated before our 1st team meeting on September 29, 2014)

I, _____, as a participant of JE'15, am aware of – and agree to the following:

1. I understand that **weekly meetings** will be held on **Mondays 5:00-7:00pm**. I also understand and agree that my attendance at ALL weekly meetings and events is mandatory. I understand that I am responsible for providing advance notice to one of the trip leaders if I have an emergency, and may be late or unable to attend a meeting or other event.

2. I agree to participate in the **JE'15 Re-Orientation Day of Reflection** on Sunday, February 8, 2015.

3. I understand that **fundraising**, both as a group and as an individual, is **required** in order to cover the costs of the trip. This includes my participation in the individual and any group fundraising events/efforts.

4. I agree to pay a **$200.00 program fee** upon acceptance to JE'15. The JE program will accept cash or checks. Checks should be made payable to Loyola University Maryland (with *Jamaican Experience* on the memo line).

5. I understand that all funds raised for Jamaican Experience are *non-refundable*. In the unlikely scenario that I drop from – or am asked to leave JE'15, the funds that I have raised will be applied to the overall cost of the program or donated to the host organization *(Diocese of Mandeville)*. I know that Loyola University Maryland cannot return donations to individuals or groups.

6. Should I drop from the Jamaican Experience program after my airline ticket is purchased, I agree that I will cover the cost of that ticket. If my individual fundraising total is less than the ticket cost, I agree that I will reimburse the program for the difference.

7. I agree to **participate fully** in the *"Clothes for a Cause"* Clothing Drive beginning on October 13th until November 14th 2014.

8. I agree to submit a photocopy of your **Passport** and completed Health and Liability forms by October 30, 2014. If I do not currently have a passport, I agree to complete applications *asap* in order to have received a valid U.S. Passport **no later than November 15**, 2014.

9. I understand that my **active participation** is vital to the formation of the team. I will **complete** reading assignments, positively **contribute** to all team activities, and take presentations and reflection assignments seriously.

10. While in Jamaica, I understand that I will not be permitted to **leave** the group at any time. I understand that I will not be permitted to visit with friends or relatives who may live in, or be visiting, Jamaica. I know that permission from a Team Leader must be given before a participant leaves the group for any reason. I understand that this is due to safety and group cohesiveness.

11. I agree to voluntarily turn OFF my **cell phone** and refrain from the use of **technology** while in Jamaica. I understand that this is to prevent technology from distracting me from the overall experience. I am aware that the group will have emergency phones that can be used in the event of an urgent situation.

I understand all of the responsibilities that are required of me in order to participate in the Jamaican Experience 2015. I promise to adhere to all of the requirements and understand the possible consequences of failing to fulfill them.

Name & Date: _____