

Kids Helping Kids. Schools Helping Schools.

A Partnership between Huron Christian School & EduDeo Ministries

When groups of people work together, their impact is magnified. As Christians, we are called to work with one another in ways that serve to bless the communities in which we serve and grow the kingdom of God. EduDeo Ministries and Huron Christian School have a unique opportunity to work together to bless the global kingdom of Christ and advance our calling within this kingdom.



EduDeo Ministries seeks to advance Christ-centred education for children worldwide. Christian schools are blossoming throughout the world and we desire to support them in their growth and impact as they guide and instruct future generations of Christians in developing nations.

We know Huron Christian school shares our passion for Christ-centred education. We invite your school to partner with EduDeo to advance Christ-centred education around the world – giving young students the same opportunities as children at Huron Christian: an opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ and His relevance to all of life.

We also desire this partnership to be a blessing to the students and community of Huron Christian School. We want to “open the world” for the students at your school. It is important for students to enhance their cultural intelligence so they are effective Christ-followers in our world today. In an increasingly globalized world it is important for students to be properly equipped to live as ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

Below is a suggestion of what this partnership might look like:

Huron Christian School’s impact on the schools around the world:

We will match your school with one of our partners in the developing world. We propose COCREP (Colegios Cristianos Reformados) in the Dominican Republic. COCREP is a nationally run community of 15 Christian schools with an enrollment of approximately 4,000 students. COCREP intentionally serves economically-depressed communities – bateys – that are typically comprised of Haitian immigrants who otherwise would not have the opportunity to receive an education.



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You will help these schools in the following ways:

a) **You will invest in their Teachers**

Well trained and passionate teachers are critical to the quality of a child's education. Through this partnership, you will help COCREF's teachers learn how to present the Gospel of Christ in every subject, applying it to every part of their students' lives. You will also help teachers stay up-to-date on the best-practices in education. Currently, the focus of this training has been:



- New Teacher Training: COCREF schools experience a high teacher turnover each year – up to 40%. At the beginning of each school year, COCREF holds an orientation session for all new teachers to help them better understand the vision, mission and values of COCREF. Integral to this training is introducing these teachers to the basics of Biblical worldview and how it informs a Christ-centered education. COCREF then provides mentoring to these new teachers throughout the year.
- Reconciliation Training: Due to the ethnic tensions that exist in many Dominican communities, COCREF has asked EduDeo to lead workshops that focus on restorative practices. These workshops, led by Canadian educators, help Dominican teachers guide their students towards healthier relationships within their schools and communities.

b) **You Will Build Stronger Leadership**

Effective leadership can overcome a multitude of challenges. Each month, COCREF holds monthly trainings for its principals that explore Christ-centred leadership. This has helped increase the leadership capabilities of COCREF schools – enabling them to run more autonomously from the central association office.

c) **You Will Give Vulnerable Students Access to Education**

While the DR has made impressive strides economically over the past few years, the benefits of this growth hardly made its way into the batey communities. This has a tremendous impact on COCREF schools and the tuition they are able to charge for the education they offer. To help offset some of these economic challenges, EduDeo assists COCREF in two ways:



- Scholarship: Tuition assistance is provided for students in two COCREF schools. This helps break down the economic barriers for resource poor families to access education.
- Construction: School infrastructure needs are prioritized by COCREF and presented as opportunities for EduDeo resources and volunteers to serve alongside local people to expand growing schools or improve school buildings to provide a better learning environment.

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The impact Partnership will have on Huron Christian School

EduDeo Ministries will work with Huron Christian School to provide unique opportunities of learning for the staff and students. As a result, students and teachers will grow in their awareness of the Dominican Republic, and the impact of Christ-centred education in the COCREF communities. EduDeo commits to serving as a cultural guide as these opportunities of learning are explored. These may include the following:

a) School Relationship:

We would like to explore the formation of a school relationship between Huron Christian School and a COCREF school. What this relationship looks like will depend on the interests, needs and abilities of the two schools. The relationship will enable students from the two schools to learn about one another and their respective countries and culture. Students will also grow in their awareness of God's greater kingdom and the role that each of us is called in it.



b) Partner Visit:

EduDeo values face-to-face interactions with its partners. Most of the time this means EduDeo staff travelling to its partner countries. However, we also commit to bringing partners to Canada so that they better understand the Canadian context. It may be possible that Huron Christian staff visit COCREF schools to learn from and encourage them in their work or that representatives from COCREF visit Huron Christian School. These interactions provide opportunities for learning and mutual support.

c) Cultural Learning:

God has created a fascinating world! EduDeo desires to walk alongside Huron Christian School as it explores its calling as global ambassadors. EduDeo is happy to lead assemblies and/or classroom presentations that will delve deeper into learning about other cultures and how God has called each of us to bear witness of Him to those around us.



Ultimately, we desire to enter into a partnership that serves to be a blessing to Huron Christian School and schools overseas. We look forward to continued dialogue and discussion on what this might look like.

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