PFO FAQs

Why Attend PFO?

Here are ways that PFO will help you in your ministry to TCKs.

- Learn the unique characteristics of students who grow up as internationals.
- Identify significant characteristics of the MK school, the international Christian school, the missionary family and community, and the international community.
- Examine individual strengths, limitations, and professional backgrounds as they relate to the uniqueness of international Christian schools.
- Understand the basics of effective cultural entry and of cultural differences.
- Assess, clarify, and refine interpersonal skills and attitudes that will enhance future ministry with the children of missionaries and cross-cultural transition.
- Understand the unique challenges and experiences of third culture kids and the culturally diverse MK and international Christian school setting.
- Examine and discuss job-specific issues for teachers and boarding parents in the MK and international Christian school.
- Value the importance of integrating biblical knowledge and personal faith into daily life and ministry within the multicultural school setting.

Build community and a worldwide network through the following:

- Praise and worship times
- Dialogue in small group activities
- Interactive panels with MKs, TCKs, and expatriate kids
- Professional development opportunities
- A talent show
- Participant-led recreational activities
- Free time

Earn graduate credit through Cairn University (formerly Philadelphia Biblical University).

What is a TCK?

A TCK is an individual who, having spent a significant part of the developmental years in a culture other than the parents’ culture, develops a sense of relationship to all of the cultures while not having full ownership in any.
Elements from each culture are incorporated into the life experience, but the sense of belonging is in relationship to others of similar experience.

**When is the registration deadline?**

The registration deadline is June 1. However, forms must be postmarked by May 14, 2016 to obtain the Standard registration rate. If you have not made your flight itinerary by June 1, please send all other forms by the deadline and send your itinerary as soon as possible.

**What if my forms aren’t postmarked by May 14, 2016?**

Registration forms postmarked after May 14, 2016 will be assessed the late registration fee. All forms should be returned to the PFO Office at ACSI as soon as possible. It is not necessary for forms to be sent together. If you have not made your flight arrangements the travel form can be submitted separately.

**What are the costs?**

*Please note that all fees are per person.*

**Registration Fees:**

- Standard (January 15–April 30, 2016): $75
- Late (May 1–June 1, 2016): $85
- Child Registration Fee: $25

**2016 Program Fees:**

- Adult: $1215
- Ages 0–3: $565
- Ages 4–6: $565
- Ages 7–11: $565
- Ages 12–18: $565

**2016 Room and Board:**

- Adult: $575
- Single Room/Board: $660
- Adult Extra Night: $85 per night
- Ages 0–4: FREE
- Ages 5–9: $395
- Ages 9+: $575
- Child Extra Night (5-18): $30 per night

**Transportation Fees:**

- Charter Bus: $30 one-way
- Alternate Transportation: $55 one-way

**Niagara Falls Trip (optional):**

- $35 per person/per seat
What payment options are available?

Please communicate with your mission representative or church sponsor about what costs they should be invoiced for. Then, include your portion of the payment on the online registration. We can accept checks and credit cards for your costs.

Typically, mission organizations pay the registration fee, program fee, and room and board. Other costs such as round-trip transportation to the airport, extra nights room and board, and Niagara Falls trip may be paid by individuals. You will receive an automatic invoice or receipt after your online registration is submitted.

If special financial arrangements need to be made, please contact the PFO Office.

We Accept:

- Checks and money orders drawn on U.S. Banks. Please make payable to ACSI. There is a $25 fee for returned checks.
- Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover are accepted and a small processing fee is included in the transaction. There is a $10 fee for declined credit cards.

Are scholarships available for PFO?

Unfortunately, ACSI is unable to provide scholarships for PFO. However an application can be made for an award from the Tom McClure International Teachers Award. Download an application to submit for consideration.

When and where do I check in at Houghton College?

Check-in takes place on Saturday, June 18 at the Campus Center at Houghton College.  
**Date:** Saturday, June 18  
**Location:** Campus Center  
**Time:** 1:30–8:00 p.m.

Where is Houghton College?

Houghton College is located in rural western New York, about 65 miles away from Buffalo and Rochester. The Houghton campus is very beautiful. The Genesee River is located a half mile from campus, and hiking trails are situated near the campus and at nearby Letchworth Park.

College recreational facilities are available during scheduled times.

- Gym  
- Weight room  
- Pool

The town of Houghton is very small. The nearest grocery store, pharmacy, and hardware store are 4 miles away in the town of Fillmore. The nearest hospital is located in Cuba, New York, which is approximately 30 miles from Houghton.

What is the Niagara Falls trip like?

This optional trip provides you with an opportunity to spend some time exploring the scenery of Niagara Falls. Chartered buses will depart from Houghton College and drop participants off on the American side of Niagara Falls. Those wishing to visit the Canadian side of the Falls can cross a footbridge into Canada.
• Do I need my passport to enter Canada?

Yes. If you plan to visit Canada, be sure to bring your passport for re-entry into the United States.

• Can I drive myself to Niagara Falls?

Yes. Individuals driving to PFO can either drive separately to Niagara Falls or reserve a spot on one of the buses. Box lunches can be obtained by signing up during the first week of PFO.

- $35 per seat
- Box lunches provided to all participants
- Buses will depart from Houghton College at 10:00 a.m.
- Bus 1 will depart from Niagara Falls at 3:30 p.m.
- Bus 2 will depart from Niagara Falls at 6:30 p.m.