



Mission Trip Opportunities 2014

Encouraging a UCC Culture of Hands-On Engagement

Mission Trips are part of a hands-on engagement of faith that draws people out of their comfort zones to experience God in new ways. It is a hands-on engagement that opens individuals and communities to new ways of understanding our place in the world and so more open to an extravagant welcome. The UCC is challenged toward a hands-on engagement that creates the kind of change that moves individuals and of communities into life-situations of abundance and well-being and change that transforms the lives of all involved.

The UCC in its national setting has identified three core values of what it means to be part of the United Church of Christ and to which we can aspire.

Continuing Testament. We take Scripture seriously and not literally. We believe God continues to speak and act in the world in new and life-giving ways.

Extravagant Welcome. Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We believe God accepts and loves each person and community. We are part of God's community of mutual love.

Changing Lives. God's love doesn't accept the status quo. God is always moving in the world to transform the lives of individuals and of communities. We believe that our role in mission is to join God in that shaping of society and transformation of the way we live together so that God's presence and love are made known in the world.

Every year, more and different congregations engage in mission trips, both within the United States and with UCC/Disciples' partner churches and organizations around the globe. Within the United States, an encouraging trend is that adult groups and multi-generational groups are following the lead offered by youth groups and engaging in mission trips themselves.

This "UCC Mission Trip Opportunities" listing includes recommended host sites that utilize groups in on-going ministry in their communities. By experiencing the relationships built up by these UCC and partner organizations, you become part of their year-round ministry. Participating in the experiences provided by these mission trip host sites will help your own faith to grow.

Thank you for being part of the UCC culture of hands-on engagement.

Know that you are part of God's continuing testament, extravagant welcome and changing lives.

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UCC Core Purpose:

Drawn together by the Holy Spirit, we are a distinct and diverse community of Christians that come together as one church, joining faith and action. In covenant with the church in all of its settings, we serve God in the co-creation of a just and sustainable world as made manifest in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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MISSION TRIP FOLLOW-UP

Following your mission trip experience, please return to the UCC website to share a follow-up report with UCC national staff. Let us know of transformational experiences. Offer feedback on the partner host site and their work.

Help us tell your good news story.

<http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/mission-trip-tracking-1.html>

THE TRANSFORMATIVE MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCE

Use these resources to promote preparation, reflection and advocacy

Preparation

MISSION TRIPS THAT MATTER: Embodied Faith for the Sake of the World. By Don C. Richter. Nashville: Upper Room Books, 2008. Available from Upper Room www.upperroom.org/bookstore and other book sellers.

Explores the purpose of a mission trip and highlights preparation and readiness for new experiences. Part II's chapter headings offer a hint of what is to come: Attentive Eyes, Attuned Ears, Sturdy Backs, Beautiful Feet, Open Hands, Courageous Lips, Conspiring Noses.

GETTING READY TO COME BACK: ADVOCACY GUIDE FOR MISSION TEAMS By Bread for the World. UCC is one of sponsoring partners in the creation of this resource through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing© Order from www.bread.org or 1.800.82.BREAD (800.822.7323) \$10.00

Helps short-term mission teams understand how political, social and economic systems contribute to hunger and poverty. The guide will support and encourage mission teams to engage in advocacy as informed Christian citizens upon their return home. The guide focuses on advocacy for international mission teams, but is very appropriate for use by short-term mission trips within the United States.

DEEP JUSTICE JOURNEYS: MOVING FROM MISSION TRIPS TO MISSIONAL LIVING. By Kara E. Powell and Brad M. Griffin. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2009. Leader's Guide and Student Journal.

Useful resource for leaders and participants. The books emphasize reflection on the mission experience by creating space and structure for that reflection before, during and after the trip. From a chapter on "mentoring for justice" to the ending section on "ongoing transformation," the book offers tools and ideas for journeys into deep justice commitments. *The Leader's Guide* includes sections for parents called "More than checkbooks and chauffeurs" and for the congregation, "Your Church: More than Just 'isn't that Sweet...?'"

CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE: IMPROVING YOUR CQ TO ENGAGE OUR MULTICULTURAL WORLD. By David Livermore. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2009.

Great resource for mission trip leaders seeking to equip themselves and their group with why and how to reach across the chasm of cultural difference in ways that are loving and respectful. This book is part of Baker Academic's Youth, Family and Culture series seeking to raise the level of dialogue concerning how we think about, teach, and live our youth ministry. It's not only for youth ministry though.

Fighting Poverty with Faith is a nationwide, interfaith movement to cut domestic poverty in half by 2020.

[HTTP://FIGHTINGPOVERTYWITHFAITH.COM/F2/ABOUT/WHAT-IS-FIGHTING-POVERTY-WITH-FAITH/](http://fightingpovertywithfaith.com/f2/about/what-is-fighting-poverty-with-faith/)

Resources for developing awareness of poverty and for taking action against it..

MERGE: A GUIDEBOOK FOR YOUTH SERVICE TRIPS By Krista Dutt. Order from Mennonite Publishing Network: <http://store.mpn.net/> or 800.245.7894

Merge is written for use with youth groups participating in service trips. Through seven sessions of preparation, on-site reflection, and follow up, this guidebook offers step-by-step plans for each session with discussions, fun activities, and reproducible journal pages for youth to record their experiences and thoughts.

SERVING WITH EYES WIDE OPEN: DOING SHORT TERM MISSION WITH CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE. By David Livermore. Ada, MI: Baker Books, 2006.

Highlights the importance of cultural intelligence in the context of mission trips. It is written for global cross-cultural encounters and is usable for internal U.S. cross-cultural contexts.

WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE TRAVEL TOGETHER: A TRIP LEADER'S PLANNING MANUAL. By Debby D. Vial. Louisville, KY: Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1999. Order from Presbyterian Distribution Service 800.524.2612 PDS #74-400-98-066.

The strength of this resource are the 'to do' checklists and sample leader forms and instruction. The book also includes reflections on definition of a mission trip and daily briefing and devotions ideas.

On-Site Participation & Reflection

MEETING GOD IN THE RUINS—DEVOTIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEERS. By the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Available free by calling 800.328.4648 (ISBN 6-0001-6788-1); pay shipping only.

Disaster recovery mission trip groups are encouraged to make use of resource. It leads volunteers through the preparations of leaving, working at disaster sites and returning home. The 48-page guide was written for individual devotions, but reflection questions can also be used in group settings. Since disaster volunteers often work in poor areas, the guide also offers facts on poverty.

MISSION PILGRIMAGE JOURNAL: Seeing the Face of Christ in our Global Partners. By Global Ministries of the UCC/Disciples of Christ. Available from United Church of Christ Resources www.ucc.org/ucc-resources or Phone: 800.537.3394 Code: WCMPJ *Mission Pilgrimage Journal*.

Written particularly for participants in People-to-People Pilgrimages through UCC/Disciples Global Ministries, this booklet prompts reflection on the short-term mission experience with Bible passages, prayers and questions that are important within the United States as well as around the globe. It helps embody the local-global connections of mission.

HALOS AND HAMMERS HANDBOOK "ORGANIZING YOUR TOOLBELT" SECTION. United Church of Christ, Southbury, CT.

Helpful list of tools your group may need if participating in a housing recovery or rehab mission trip. The section includes pictures of the tools and general categories of use. Posted <http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/mission-trip-opportunities/Halos-and-Hammers-Handbook.pdf>

YOUR LOCAL HOME IMPROVEMENT STORE – FOR BUILDING SKILLS PREPARATION. Attend trainings on specific construction/building/repair techniques offered at your local home improvement store. Or invite an experienced home contractor to teach the group basic or advanced building skills.

Follow-Up Action

Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Advocacy Toolkit.

http://www.habitat.org/sites/default/files/gov_interfaith_advocacy_toolkit09.2011.pdf

“This toolkit is designed to encourage local community interfaith groups to advocate governments, religious groups, nongovernmental agencies, corporations, labor groups, foundations and individuals to develop the will to make changes and to seek to end poverty by providing adequate shelter for all people.”

PUBLIC POLICY BRIEFING BOOK, 2013-2014. Wider Church Ministries/Justice and Witness Ministries, UCC. Download copy from www.ucc.org/justice/briefing-book or contact 866.822.8224 ext. 3725 to place an order for a printed copy.

Section I: Advocacy 101 addresses a biblical call to advocacy, developing an advocacy strategy, engaging in effective policy advocacy, media advocacy tips, and getting involved through the Justice and Peace Action network (JPANet).

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/join-the-network/>

REMAINING FAITHFUL: HOW DO I KEEP MY EXPERIENCE ALIVE? A Manual for Reflection, Integration and Prayer after a Short-Term Experience in Another Culture. By Julie Lupien and Michelle Scheidt. Longmont, Colorado: From Mission to Mission, 2006. Available from Mission to Mission www.missiontomission.org/publications.html.

Questions and reflection starters for use after returning home. Includes a list of websites helpful for further action for justice and mission. Can be used as a group or as individuals.

Youth Advocacy Toolkit. By Habitat for Humanity.

http://www.habitat.org/youthprograms/ages_9_13/act_speak_build/YouthAdvocacyToolkit.pdf

This toolkit demonstrates the interrelationship of mission and advocacy. “Effective advocacy comes in many forms. Ultimately, by changing the public’s understanding of an issue and its solutions, advocacy can lead to a more just World.” (p. 6) It’s suggested advocacy events and strategies relate particularly to Habitat for Humanity and safe, decent, affordable housing, but can be adapted and utilized for mission and advocacy around other issues and organizations as well.

STORYTELLING IDEAS

Adapted from BorderLinks, Tucson. <http://www.borderlinks.org>

Suggestions for Storytelling

- ◆ Put a **human** face and a three-dimensional life on issues encountered. Relay the stories and concerns you heard directly from the people you met. Tell of your personal experiences, learnings, inspirations.
- ◆ Be intentional in your **language**, so as to not cause your listeners to be defensive and to keep their attention. Do not report everything that was said or done. Refrain from stating generalizations. Use language that expresses your personal connection to the concerns or injustices witnessed.
- ◆ Do not be discouraged! People at home have not had the same experience. Know that you have a **valuable** and unique experience to share. You never know who could make connections with their own similar previous experience and be influenced for later action. Telling the story makes a huge difference for those you met during your trip that would otherwise have no voice!
- ◆ **Be an organizer yourself!** With your stories, draw connections between what you observed in your mission trip setting and the reality of the community in which you live. Get involved in your community and help organize opportunities for others to interact with and serve with people affected by these same issues.

Share Your Story – Some ideas

- ◆ Participate in worship leadership at your church. Preach the sermon; write the liturgy; compose songs; create banners... soon after you return home, and 3 months later.
- ◆ **Plan a gathering with family and friends.** Share your photos and experiences.
- ◆ **Show a relevant DVD to friends and relatives, church groups, student groups, etc., and facilitate a conversation about the issues you encountered.** Have information available about the cultures, social and economic issues effecting people in your mission trip setting. Provide opportunities for conversation and dialogue.
- ◆ **Do a presentation for a larger community group, rotary club, church congregation, or other group you may have a connection to.**
- ◆ Determine a format for the event then put together a PowerPoint presentation, slide show, or panel discussion, if possible. A compelling presentation will engage your participants.
- ◆ **Organize a teach-in.** Partner with local organizations or activists involved with the issue to provide an educational event for the public.
- ◆ **Write a Letter to the Editor.** Tie your letter into a recent story in your local newspaper. Your letter has a better chance of being selected for publication if it is a response to a recent story or issue. Limit your letter to 150-200 words and keep in mind that the editors may shorten it due to space limitations. Lead with the most important information and then write in short paragraphs, focusing on one main issue. Read other Letters to the Editor to get a sense of how letters are structured. Include your full name, address, phone number and e-mail at the top of the page and sign the letter at the bottom. The paper will need to verify via phone or email. Follow up to see if the letter was received.
- ◆ **Write an article.** Write an article about your experience and submit it to magazines that focus on the issues you are addressing in your article. Keep your story at 800 words or less unless the style guidelines say otherwise. You can always go back and expand.
- ◆ **Plan your next mission trip. Get others involved.**

MISSION TRIP PLANNING IDEAS

1. **Gather information.** Use this listing to explore the opportunities that are available. Explore websites. You can also access volunteer opportunities on-line at www.ucc.org/volunteer. Feel free to call the Volunteer Ministries office. Talk to others who have participated in mission trips. What do they suggest? Are there young people or adults from these groups who would be willing to come and talk to your group about their experiences? Hearing first-person stories can generate enthusiasm within your group for the trip you are planning.
2. **Attend or Coordinate a Mission Trip Leaders Training event in your UCC Conference or Association.** Invite experienced mission trip leaders and “newbies” to share experiences and ideas. Contact the UCC Volunteer Ministries office for resource materials and ideas. Friend the **Facebook** page “United Church of Christ Volunteer Ministries.”
3. **Select the site.** Involve the members of your group in the decision. Consider where the passion of your group lies. Consider how this mission trip can encourage your congregation in current directions of mission or open the possibility of new directions and the development of a ‘culture of mission.’

Host sites have different emphases in their ministry and opportunities for groups. Educational immersion trips often focus on meeting people, hearing their stories, and being equipped and empowered to return home with a strong justice advocacy commitment. Service-learning sites offer opportunities for ‘hands on’ service and acquaintance with the local people and issues. Disaster recovery mission trip sites are developed in areas affected by natural disaster several months after the disaster and continuing for the long-term.

Other considerations in finding a good match for your group is geography, cost, and age of the participants in your group.

4. **Prepare the participants.** Encourage leaders to attend a training event for leading mission trips – or host a training event in your Association or Conference. Contact the Volunteer Ministries office for ideas. Utilize resources from the bibliography listed at the beginning of this booklet.

Gather the group for trainings on cross-cultural skills and familiarity with social-economic-faith issues in the area where you will serve. If your host site engages in construction ministries, be sure to practice basic skills with all members of your group.

5. **Determine a budget.** The major categories to consider when determining a budget are transportation, lodging, food, special events (i.e. amusement park, tours, museums), insurance, donation toward materials, and cost for leadership expertise (i.e. crew bosses, adult sponsors). You may find it easier to figure the cost per person, multiply by the number of participants, and then add other discreet costs to it. Transportation costs will depend on whether you rent a van, charter a bus, or fly. Food costs per person per day averages between \$15 and \$25 when you prepare your own meals. You may wish to plan for at least one dinner out.
6. **Raise the funds.** Many groups use this task to help build a team spirit among the group members so that they get to know one another and learn how to work together. Building this spirit can help make the trip more meaningful and fun. Do not let finances be a deciding factor in who is able to participate in the trip. Strive to make the trip as affordable as possible. Find scholarship support, if necessary, so that everyone who wants to go is able to do so.

There are many great fund-raising ideas. Here are a few: service and talent auction, talent show dinner, pledges, gift wrapping service, parents’ day out, homemade candy sale, and selling “stock” in the trip.

7. **Determine a schedule.** Determine the schedule before you depart so that the participants (and their families) know what to expect. Include realistic work hours and free time. Organize devotion, a Bible study, or worship time every day. Attend worship in the host community if possible. **Plan, plan, plan and then be flexible.** Mission trips tend to take on their own time flow and mission happens in the unexpected spaces of our days.

When you are on the trip, schedule teams to lead worship, shop for food, and prepare meals. Other tasks to assign are: treasurer, photographer, first-aid person, and secretary/correspondent (to send thank-you notes, etc.), blogging schedule.

8. **Plan Safe.** The UCC Insurance Boards suggest questions to consider and safety precautions to implement. See http://www.insuranceboard.org/safety_solutions/default.aspx Summer 2009 newsletter, page 3.

Transportation:

- ◆ Will you borrow or rent vehicles? Are the vehicles insured? Does the church have a “hired and non-owned vehicles” endorsement for its general liability policy?
- ◆ Have you vetted the drivers? Are they licensed and do they have acceptable driving records?
- ◆ Are you using 15-passenger vans? Are the particular hazards understood and managed? Do drivers have a CDL (Commercial Driver’s License)?

Permission:

- ◆ Have you obtained written permission with reasonable releases and disclaimers from the correct parents or guardians? (Consult attorney.)

Medical Emergencies:

- ◆ Are medical accommodations, allergies, special diets and medication requirements recorded?
- ◆ Have emergency contact instructions been provided by guardians?

Facilities:

- ◆ Have overnight facilities been inspected for cleanliness, safety and security?
- ◆ Are communications channels open with the facilities?

Activities & Supervision:

When trips are prolonged and involve relative isolation of children, careful attention must be given to those who are supervising--for their protection and the protection of the children.

- ◆ Are adult-to-child ratios adequate to the activities?
- ◆ Have background checks been conducted on non-clergy employees and volunteers?
- ◆ Have employees and volunteers received training in abuse prevention and detection?
- ◆ Are they First Aid/CPR/AED trained?
- ◆ Are there clear rules regarding contact with children?
- ◆ Are intended activities understood and age appropriate?
- ◆ Are children able and qualified for the activities? (e.g., swimming)
- ◆ Is safety equipment sufficient and properly sized? (e.g., flotation devices)

Custody Transfer:

- ◆ Is it clear for each child who is authorized to pick up the child upon return home?

9. **Connect with the congregation.** Before you leave, plan a covenant and commissioning service. You can find sample covenant and commissioning liturgies in this booklet. This worship act helps the congregation participate in the mission trip through prayer, support and openness to new ideas when the group returns.

When you return, find creative ways for the participants to tell the story of the trip. Use pictures, words, songs, skits, displays, and sermons.

Look for local mission projects that the congregation can become involved in to continue to foster the spirit of service and actions of advocacy that the trip generated. Connect with partner churches and organizations around the globe. (www.globalministries.org)

10. **Become advocates for economic and social justice.** When you return to your own community, become advocates who speak out against the systems that oppress persons and who work to encourage change. For more ideas, contact the Volunteer Ministries office www.ucc.org/volunteer Global Ministries www.globalministries.org or Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ. www.ucc.org/justice/

A COVENANT & COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR MISSION TEAMS & CONGREGATIONS

Introduction:

This group of disciples has committed themselves to a mission experience. They will travel together, meet new people, and encounter God in unexpected ways. We gather to send them in mission as God's people. We go with them through support and prayer, through blogs and reports. We anticipate receiving them when they return by opening our congregation to the new ideas and commitments they bring home.

Scripture Reading: John 20: 11-18

Commissioning

Congregation: **Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.**

Team: We go to put ourselves in places of the world's suffering – perhaps to weep together.

Congregation: **She turned around and spoke to the gardener who actually was the risen Jesus.**

Team: God comes to us and the world in new and unexpected ways.

Congregation: **She heard her name – and her life changed.**

Team: We go outside our comfort zones on this trip. We travel and work and listen as God's people. We accept the hospitality of others. We share our own gifts and talents and selves without expectations.

Congregation: **She ran back home to tell the other disciples of her experience of the risen Christ. Their lives were changed.**

Team: We commit ourselves to continuing our involvement with the people and issues we encounter upon our return home.

Congregational Covenant

One: By participating in the commissioning of this group, we commit ourselves to God's continuing testament

Congregation: . . . **to recognizing anew God's continuing life-giving acts in the world.**

One: We commit ourselves to an extravagant welcome

Congregation: . . . **of this mission team upon their return by listening with new ears and open hearts for new ideas and encouraging new commitments.**

One: We commit ourselves to changed lives

Congregation: . . . **that our congregation will be open to new ways of being God's people in the world through the mission experience of this group.**

One: *Go, to share yourself and hear your name. Return to live the resurrection story.*



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Mission Trips



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Changed Lives
through a Mission Trip with

_____ (host site)
in _____ (city, state)

UCC Vision Plan:
Continuing Testament
Extravagant Welcome
Changing lives

Dates _____ **2014**

Signed _____

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SUPPORTS DISASTER MINISTRIES OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST. WORKING WITH UCC CONFERENCES AND LOCAL GROUPS, SUPPORT HAPPENS THROUGH PREPAREDNESS EDUCATION, RELIEF INITIATIVES, AND RECOVERY AND REBUILDING.

DURING TIMES OF HUGE DISASTERS, MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE FACILITATED FOR GROUPS THAT DESIRE TO OFFER THEIR TIME AND SKILLS TO HELP MEET RECOVERY NEEDS AND TO REBUILD COMMUNITIES.

TOGETHER, WE HELP TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND ENTIRE COMMUNITIES ON THE LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY DURING A MOST CRITICAL TIME.

PLEASE VISIT www.UCC.ORG/OGHS FOR INFORMATION.

LOCATIONS TBD BY DISASTER EVENT

Camp Noah

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Camp Noah is a day camp for children whose communities have been impacted by disaster. Camp Noah provides a safe, caring and fun environment where children build resiliency skills within the familiarity of their own communities, using a proven curriculum designed to help children process their disaster and/or trauma experience through creative activities and play. In this safe and supportive setting, children are encouraged to face their fears, grieve their losses, identify and share their unique gifts and talents, and plan for an amazing future.

The Camp Noah program staff identifies and coordinates with locally impacted communities to assess interest and determine location and logistics for a camp during the period 6 months to 3 years following a disaster event. A volunteer team of 18-20 people receive training and are then assigned a location to lead the camp curriculum for a one-week event. A local site coordinator and mental health professional are part of the local leadership of the event.

Projects/Focus: Volunteers work directly with children as camp leaders during the Camp Noah week. There are a number of duties team members can volunteer to take on. These include leading the curriculum in small groups, leading activities, and emceeding large group events. Each volunteer has the opportunity to serve in an area that utilizes their own unique gifts and talents! One member must be designated as a Team Leader. The Team leader will be the contact person between Camp Noah National and the local Camp Noah site coordinator.

The community visited will likely be exhausted (both physically and financially) from rebuilding and recovering. Volunteer groups from congregations and organizations outside of the disaster-impacted area have a unique opportunity to provide leadership and much needed fresh energy for a fun and supportive week-long camp.

All volunteers must be willing to be flexible and have fun by being silly and energetic. They must participate in the camp week activities and possess a positive attitude. The best fit for this experience are volunteers with a passion for working with children affected by disaster.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Groups of church members, co-workers or even friends lead activities, teach curriculum and guide the children through their restorative experience. Volunteers not only help children at camp, they often see their own lives changed as a result of serving kids during such an important time in their recovery.

Time: One-week on-site at camp. On-line training (5-6 hours) and two in-person group training sessions required.

Dates: TBD. Contact Camp Noah staff.

Group Size: Volunteer teams must be composed of 18-20 persons. If your team isn't large enough, feel free to reach out to other congregations and organizations and ask them to get involved. All volunteers on a particular team are asked to train and prepare together, so before you arrive in your host community, you will have the opportunity to learn and bond together as a group.

Minimum Age: 16 + years. Team Leader must be over 18 years.

Adult to Youth Ratio:

Accommodations: Lodging will be provided for the team by the local host organization. Details about housing will be provided in a timely manner from the Site Coordinator, and volunteers should expect to bring bedding and a towel. Breakfast and lunch is supplied on camp days (Monday – Friday). All other meals may be at the expense of the Volunteer Team.

Cost: \$225 per person. Transportation to/from the location is in addition. The volunteer fee goes toward a number of items vital to participating in Camp Noah, including: A full-day (or two evenings) training event to teach curriculum and the unique recovery needs of kids following disaster; Individual copy of the curriculum and supportive materials; 2 Camp Noah t-shirts (or polo shirts for the Team Leader); A background check; Camp Noah ID and lanyard; Camp supplies for the children; Continuing support from the Camp Noah staff.

Additional donations to Camp Noah also are recommended to help cover the cost of the camp and supplies for the children such as the provided fleece blanket, preparedness backpack and T-shirt.

ALABAMA

Fuller Center for Housing (Chattahoochee, Lanett)

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Website: <http://fullercenter.org/americus>

Register on-line:

<http://fullercenter.org/usbuildteams/register?q=student-builders/builder-teams/register>

The Fuller Center for Housing faith-driven and Christ-centered, promotes collaborative and innovative partnerships with individuals and organizations in an unrelenting quest to provide adequate shelter for all people in need worldwide.

Projects/Focus: Building new and repairing existing homes working with families in need. The exact projects will be determined close to group arrival and based upon the progress of previous accomplishments of our volunteers and available resources.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Each group will receive an orientation about the community they will be serving. This will include a discussion about poverty housing in the area, and the economic benefit of our "hand up-not a handout" approach to charity and how this builds a Fund for Humanity recycling homeowner payments to serve other people in need in the community. Churches do mission work by empowering the people they serve.

Time: Spring (March, April, and May)

Group Size: 10-25 Teams will need to include volunteers with construction skills to assist with site supervision. There is not a full time construction supervisor in Lanett.

Minimum Age: 18+ years

Accommodations: Plant City United Methodist Church. Millard Fuller Legacy Build volunteers and Bike Adventure volunteers enjoy staying here. Food: Breakfast will be provided. Teams prepare their own lunches and dinners.

Cost: \$110 per person

Harvest of Hope (Birmingham)

Contact: www.endhunger.org

Phone: 800.333.4597



Harvest of Hope is a national gleaning network that educates participants concerning the domestic and global hunger problem with the encouragement to make a lifelong commitment to being part of the solution.

Projects/Focus: Participants glean nutritious produce from

farmers' fields and orchards after harvest. This food, instead of being left behind to rot, is delivered to those in need through programs such as local food banks and soup kitchens. Harvest of Hope is a national gleaning network.

Harvest of Hope regional offices are located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The national office is located in Big Island, Virginia.

Urban Ministry (Birmingham)

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Urban Ministry is a United Methodist mission agency in Birmingham's West End whose mission is to serve poor and low-income persons in the Birmingham area with programs of compassion and wholeness. People in this area are in the second percentile nationally for median income. One hundred percent of children in the area live below the poverty line.

Projects/Focus: Volunteer groups paint the exteriors of homes for low-income homeowners (typically elderly and/or disabled).

Educational/Advocacy Components: Urban Ministry staff provide structured evening opportunities for reflection and education related to the experiences of the day, poverty, and other issues. Varied resources are incorporated, including Scripture and small group study. Some group leaders opt instead to provide their own evening programs tailored to their group's particular interests.

Time: Summer mission camps June 1 – August 1 (one week each Sunday – Friday); fall and winter breaks; weekends year-round. Details available on the website.

Group Size: 80 maximum

Minimum Age: None

Adult to Youth Ratio: one adult for every 5-7 youth

Accommodations: The Joe Rush Center for Urban Mission is located in the former education building of a United Methodist Church. It has 40 bunk beds. Food is provided for the summer mission camps. Other times of year, visiting groups have the option of food provided or providing and cooking their own food. Meals are prepared in a full kitchen in the fellowship hall.

Cost: Summer Mission Camp: \$275 per person (Sunday evening through Friday morning). One adult may attend at no cost for every 6 youth attending. Fee includes room, board, staffing, paint, brushes, rollers and other supplies. Other times of year: Costs depend on length of stay and whether Urban Ministry provides the food.

ARIZONA

BorderLinks (Tucson)

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Raising Awareness. Inspiring Action. **BorderLinks** specializes in experiential education trips to the United States-Mexico border.

Projects/Focus: BorderLinks' education programs focus on issues of immigration, community formation, sustainable development and social justice in the borderlands between Mexico, the U.S. and beyond. Groups may request the addition of a service/learning component to the experience. Come with open minds and hearts and a willingness to learn.

- Traditional Border Delegations. Self-organized immersion trip in the Arizona-Sonora Region. Trips are one day to 3 weeks in duration.
- Beyond the Border Delegations. Travel to Chiapas, Copper Canyon, and Mata Ortiz in Mexico.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Border Links provides experiential education that raises awareness and inspires action around global political economics. Border Links brings people together to build bridges of solidarity across North and Latin American borders and promotes inter cultural understanding and respect. Advocacy resources available on-line. www.borderlinks.org/resource.

Time: All year-round. Register at least eight weeks in advance.

Group Size: 10 – 13 people OR 19-27 people

Minimum Age: Negotiable. Most programming is appropriate for middle-school age and up.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Housing may include dormitory - style accommodations and/or home stays with families.

Cost: \$130/day per person, which covers all programming, translation, housing, meals, leadership, and local transportation; \$500 group deposit required (deducted from final trip balance.)

ARKANSAS

Heifer Learning Center at Heifer Ranch (Perryville)

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Heifer International Learning Center at Heifer Ranch focuses on providing education experiences. Each program introduces participants to the idea that one person can make a difference in ending hunger and poverty.

Projects/Focus: Programs are primarily educational and several of the available programs also include service projects such as gardening, composting, tending livestock and maintaining ranch facilities.

Educational/Advocacy Components:

Education components vary per program and may include an overnight experience in the Global Village, Challenge Course activities and hands-on activities illustrate Heifer's cornerstones.

Time: Day programs can run year-round and are open to all ages. Week-long programs are offered March – November.

Group Size: 10 minimum.

Minimum Age: Youth must be sixth graders or older for overnight programming. Day field trips are designed for pre-K and older. Adult groups require minimum age of 18.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Programs primarily take place outdoors. All programs require a good amount of walking.

Cost: Tuition fees vary per program and include programming, lodging and meals.

CALIFORNIA

All Peoples Community Center (Los Angeles)

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All Peoples Community Center provides a broad spectrum of social services to all, regardless of faith or race, and to empower the community to meet its needs by promoting equality, unity, respect, and self-determination among all who participate in these programs.

Projects/Focus: A balance is sought between relationship building and more physical work, such as painting the interior and exterior of the building, maintenance / construction-type work on neighborhood houses, and food program distribution. Groups also work with children and youth within the existing programs of daycare/preschool and after-school programs.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Impact Discussion allows staff to speak to group about different programs at the center. Reality Tour introduces group members to the neighborhood and "Face to Face Sharing" includes individuals sharing from their experience about realities of the context. Topics may include immigration or "growing up in the inner city." Ideally, "Face to Face Sharing" is arranged for an hour each day.

Accommodations: All Peoples, when available, sometimes houses groups. All Peoples has a stocked kitchen facility and a gym and can arrange a sleeping area (not including sleeping bags), but only two (2) showers. Group will provide food and cook their meals.

Cost: \$150 registration fee (non-refundable) and \$10.00 per person daily fee.

Centro Romero (San Ysidro)

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Centro Romero is one of the Centers for Education and Social Transformation of Justice and Witness Ministries in the national UCC setting. It tries to create an environment where social transformation can take place by furthering understanding of the migratory realities between Latin America and the United States.

Projects/Focus: Educational-transformational immersion seminars along the border focus on issues of globalization, economic policies, immigration, and community empowerment. Participants have the opportunity to meet with people of different perspectives on a variety of social, political, economic, faith, and environmental issues. Centro Romero strives to coordinate visits and talks with people who live on both sides of the border and that are directly affected by the challenges of the US.-Mexico border (San Diego-Tijuana). Educational tracks for seminars include spiritual/theological track; environmental racism/justice track; and globalization/worker rights track. Activities include talks with activists; community organizers; church leaders working to bring about social change.

A typical immersion day consists of four to five site-visits in the city of San Diego and/or Tijuana. During the weekend program, most immersion times is spent in Tijuana. During the week long program, the experience balances time between San Diego and Tijuana sites. Activities include talks with activists; community organizers; church leaders working to bring about social change.

Educational/Advocacy Components: The Romero Center also offers immersion experiences, lectures, workshops and conferences at sites in San Ysidro and in Tijuana, Mexico; support outreach activities with local communities, schools, churches, universities, and seminaries; and leadership development for those interested in justice work on both sides of the border. *"If participants desire to grow as individuals and as a human family, there is a theologically-based need to cross borders. At the Romero Center we accept that borders will never disappear, but we also believe that borders do not have to divide or separate. Borders can be privileged meeting places. Through our immersion opportunities, participants are invited to view or observe the border and reflect theologically considering the border communities as places of great importance and as markers that enable us to recognize and respect the differences that make us who we are as individuals and societies."*

See website for more details.

Time: Weekend Immersion Seminars: Fri. – Sun. 7 day
Educational-Transformational Seminar: Sun. - Sat.

Participants: Seminars are designed to fit the interest of church members, students of all ages, government officials, community organizers, seminarians, universities and colleges, business persons, and community and labor organizers.

Costs: Call for costs.

Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection (DOOR) (Hollywood and Los Angeles)

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See listing for DOOR programs in entry under national office in Denver, Colorado.
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Website: www.DOORnetwork.org



DOOR is an urban learning and service program.

Groups experience the city and learn about it through volunteering at a variety of community agencies already present in the community, including soup kitchens and homeless shelters. Groups stay at facilities in the city, hear a local perspective on the city, use public transportation when available, interact with people of the city and reflect on their experiences.

DOOR locations nationwide: California (Hollywood/Los Angeles), Georgia (Atlanta), Illinois (Chicago), Florida (Miami) and Texas (San Antonio).

Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM, Inc.) (Fresno)

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FIRM shares Christ's love to build communities of hope with new Americans.

Projects/Focus: work with children from low-income neighborhoods and refugee families during FIRM's intensive "Summer Youth Project" (June-July-August). Help with light maintenance tasks around FIRM's office property. Assist with sorting and picking up donations, as needed. Special events are held year round.

Educational/Advocacy Component: Group cultural orientation, multicultural staff and language support are part of the experience at FIRM. FIRM staff help groups engage with other cultures and address complex issues of poverty, housing and community health. FIRM also provides the opportunities to link with youth from refugee backgrounds – including Hmong, Lao, Cambodian, and Ukrainian.

Time: Year-round, especially during summer and spring break.

Group Size: Up to 25

Minimum Age: 13 years

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: FIRM staff can provide suggestions for lodging with local churches and inexpensive dining at local ethnic restaurants.

Cost: \$10.00 per person per day to cover the cost of FIRM staff preparing activities for your group.

Interfaith Community Services (Escondido)

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Projects/Focus: Food bank organization, pantry cleaning, weeding and planting garden boxes at housing facility, and yard work. Availability of projects subject to change.

Educational/Advocacy Components:

Exposure to how Interfaith offers a full continuum of care for the displaced and underserved.

Time: Yearlong. Contact organization three to six months before trip.

Group Size: 10 - 15 persons

Minimum Age: 15

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Volunteers arrange their own accommodation and transportation.

Cost: Please call for cost.

COLORADO

Denver Urban Ministries [DenUM] (Denver)



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DenUM meets people in crisis in outreach services, develops self-sufficiency through job services; strengthens the community through advocacy; and fosters awareness and growth through urban education.

Projects/Focus: Work sites include, but are not limited to preparing and serving meals for the homeless, sorting donations in a food bank, building, painting or repairing low income housing, nurturing and tending gardens and working with

children of economically disadvantaged families, people with disabilities and the elderly.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Urban Education couples a variety of service opportunities with at least one day in which participants focus on common barriers to self-sufficiency. Mission participants meet one or more homeless speakers who are committed to honest, frank discussion about their experiences and observations. DenUM's experiential learning curriculum brings participants into personal relationship with poverty and urban issues through walking tours, poverty simulations and reflective activities. Through service and education, groups develop an awareness of the stereotypes, misconceptions and ongoing local debates surrounding poverty and homelessness.

Time: Any time of year. One to six day experiences available.

Group Size: 60 maximum per week

Minimum Age: 12

Accommodations: DenUM arranges lodging in local churches. Shower and kitchen facilities provided. Groups are responsible for own transportation and food.

Cost: \$180 per person per week; \$100 per person for a half-week or \$65 per person for a week-end; plus a \$100 non-refundable fee is required to secure a reservation. *Weekend opportunities are not available during March, June or July.

Time: Year-round. Weeklong and weekend experiences available.

Registration deadlines:

Jan. 15 for Feb. 1 – May 31 trips;

March 1 for June 1- Aug. 31 trips;

10 weeks prior for Sept. 1 – Jan. 31 trips

If you are interested in coming after the deadline, please call the national office for availability.

Group Size: Groups or combinations of groups totaling 60 participants (summer) and 45 participants (spring/winter/fall).

Minimum Age: 13

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5 for high school aged youth
1:4 for middle school aged youth

Accommodations: Housing is arranged at local churches, either on the floor at the church or on cots. Participants bring their own sleeping bag and pillow (no air mattresses). Buildings are air conditioned. Showers are provided. See FAQ under "Discover/Short Term" on www.DOORnetwork.org for more details.

Cost: Weeklong: \$305 per participant, Sunday evening through Friday noon. Covers lodging and all meals from Monday morning to Friday evening except Wednesday evening and scheduling logistics.

Weekends: \$95 per participant.

Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection (DOOR) (Denver)

Contact: DOOR Program National Office
430 West 9th Avenue
Denver, CO 80204



E-Mail: DOOR@DOORnetwork.org

Phone: 303.295.3667 * Fax: 866.559.3248

Website: www.DOORnetwork.org

DOOR provides opportunities for service, learning and leadership development within the urban context. Collaboration, mutuality and partnership are emphasized.

Projects/Focus: Groups experience the city and learn about it through volunteering at a variety of agencies already present in the community, including soup kitchens and homeless shelters. Groups stay at facilities in the city, hear a local perspective on the city, use public transportation when available, interact with people of the city and reflect on their experiences.

Educational/Advocacy Components: The program is designed to expose people to the city in a direct way. Evening speakers, group reflection, worship and Bible study challenge people to consider biblical responses to the issues of poverty, racism, and injustice facing the city as they daily live out their authentic Christian faith.

See: California (Hollywood/Los Angeles), Colorado (Denver), Georgia (Atlanta), Illinois (Chicago), Florida (Miami) and Texas (San Antonio) for other DOOR Locations.

Habitat for Humanity, San Luis Valley (Alamosa)

Contact: Audrey Liu
San Luis Valley
P.O. Box 1197
Alamosa, CO 81101



E-Mail: audrey@slvhabitat.org

Phone: 719.589.8678

Website: www.slvhabitat.org

Habitat for Humanity builds simple, decent, affordable housing with low-income families who are unable to qualify for conventional mortgages. Qualified families are given a "hand up, not a hand out."

Projects/Focus: Building of affordable passive-solar mud adobe homes with low-income families in rural Colorado.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Your group leader will coordinate program. Habitat for Humanity Youth Advocacy Toolkit related to poverty and affordable housing available at www.habitat.org/youthprograms/ages_14_25/YouthAdvocacyToolkit.pdf.

Time: Spring-Fall. Please contact us for application and information.

Group Size: Up to 20 people

Minimum Age: High school age. 16 years.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:4

Accommodations: Projects are located in a beautiful mountain valley surrounded by 14,000 feet peaks. Housing is in local churches that include showers, kitchen and fellowship space.

Cost: \$200 per person per week materials fee and \$5 per person daily fee as housing donation.

La Puente Home, Inc. (Alamosa)

Contact: Jennifer or Lucas Cashman
911 State Ave., P.O. Box 1235
Alamosa, CO 81101

E-Mail: volunteers.lapuente@gmail.com

Phone: 719.589.6729 or 719.589.6742

Fax: 719.587.0810

Website: www.lapuente.net

La Puente Home provides emergency shelter, food assistance, transitional housing, self-sufficiency services, homeless prevention, community outreach, and job training for the homeless and other community members in crisis. La Puente tries to meet immediate needs and to empower people to live independently with dignity.

Projects/Focus: Cooking meals in shelter, construction, food bank help, community garden, gleaning, painting, sorting at thrift store.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Staff organizes education and reflection activities to help participants understand life in San Luis Valley, especially among the marginalized group of homeless and migrant populations in this rural area. Issues areas include: immigration and border; gender issues and poverty; economic issues; hunger and cycles of poverty; farm labor and agriculture; mental illness and addiction; legislation and local government; sustainable living, ecology and its larger implications; veterans and homelessness. Resources available at www.lapuente.net/documents/servicelearningtopics.pdf.

Time: Year round

Registration Deadline: No deadline, but summer spots usually fill up around November or December.

Group Size: Up to 15 people

Minimum Age: No minimum age, but please have appropriate supervisors for youth.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:6 or 1:7

Accommodations: Participants stay at host churches in the community with showers, kitchens and floor space.

Cost: \$25 per person per workday. \$50.00 is a suggested donation to the Church lodging host.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Reach Beyond Mission (Washington DC)

Contact: Mary Lu Johnston
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Austin, TX 78717

E-mail: info@reachbeyondmission.org

Website: www.reachbeyondmission.org



Biblical. Progressive. Inclusive. **Reach Beyond Mission** is a theologically progressive youth mission program that goes beyond traditional mission, combining service opportunities with thoughtful and intentional poverty education.

[Programs of Reach **Beyond Mission** are run in Austin and Houston, TX and in Washington DC.]

Projects/Focus: *Reach Beyond Mission* is a fully planned youth mission experience. Youth join youth from other churches across the country to explore issues of culture, gender, and poverty in an urban setting. Participants volunteer at numerous metropolitan area non-profits working with the homeless, low-income families, children, people with disabilities and the elderly. *Reach Beyond Mission* provides speakers, age-appropriate activities, and discussion starters to help young people explore the biblical, theological, economic, social, and political issues related to poverty.

Educational/Advocacy Components: It is life-changing when youth are challenged to move beyond feeling warm and fuzzy about helping others and begin to explore how to spend a lifetime changing the system which causes poverty. It is life-changing when youth begin to recognize that racism, sexism, and all the other "isms" are more than attitudes and that those "isms" have provoked real actions which have left many of God's children marginalized and disadvantaged. It is life-changing when youth begin to understand that they have power to make an impact with their votes, through their career choices, and with how they spend their money.

Time: Washington DC location (other dates and themes in Texas)

Theme: Justice for All (grades 8-12) July 13-18 (Sun. – Fri.)

Theme: Unalienable Rights (grades 6-8) July 20-24 (Sun. Thurs.)

Group Size: Maximum 45 participants per week. Smaller groups will join others from different places and congregations.

Minimum Age: Varies by location and week.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:6

Accommodations: Food is provided. Groups are housed at local church or school. All females and males sleep in separate rooms, including married adult leaders. Showers are available either on-site or at a nearby location. Participants provide their own transportation. Program provides 2-3 trained young adults who will serve as hosts and program coordinators.

Cost: \$255 - \$345 per person per week.
Varies by week & location.

Youth Service Opportunities Project [YSOP]
(Washington, D.C.)

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Washington, DC 20005
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Website: www.ysop.org



YSOP is committed to helping young people become part of the solution to societal problems by showing them how even their smallest actions can make a difference in the lives of others. YSOP has been a pioneer in the field of service, encouraging community participation and engaged citizenship through direct service to homeless and hungry people.

Projects/Focus: Volunteers work with a variety of organizations in the city. Sites include direct and indirect service at soup kitchens, food and clothing banks, transitional shelters, and other agencies serving people in need.

Educational/Advocacy Components: By combining meaningful volunteer work with a communal living and learning program, YSOPers provide vital services to people in need and at the same time are able to reflect on their experience and broaden their perspectives. YSOP staff provide an orientation at the beginning of the program and reflections after each period of service. During weeklong and overnight programs, volunteers cook, serve and share in a meal with homeless and hungry guests one evening during week. Guest speakers offered during weeklong and overnight programs and upon request.

Additional YSOP location in New York City and Philadelphia, PA.

Time: Overnight, weekend, and weeklong mission trips are available year round.

Group Size: 12-20; group size varies depending on program. Maximum number in a group: 100 (for large groups, please allow up to one year for planning).

Minimum Age: 13 years

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Simple accommodations available at YSOP DC, located in the Church of the Epiphany. Housing includes: shower facilities, some kitchen use, air conditioning, air mattresses, and outdoor courtyard space. Lodging was renovated in February 2012. YSOP is located approximately three blocks from the White House. Bring your own sleeping bag. Please call for lodging available. Also provided: orientation, reflections, some meals, site placements, YSOP t-shirt. No TVs, music players, alcohol, nonprescription drugs, or smoking. Weeklong mission trips include time for recreation and sightseeing.

Cost: Depends on program type. Call for fees.

FLORIDA

Discovering Opportunities for
Outreach and Reflection (DOOR) (Miami)

Contact: DOOR Program National Office
See listing for DOOR programs in entry under national office in Denver, Colorado.
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Phone: 303.295.3667
Website: www.DOORnetwork.org



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Harvest of Hope (Orlando)

Contact: www.endhunger.org
Phone: 800.333.4597
See listing for National Headquarters under Virginia.



Projects/Focus: Participants glean nutritious produce from farmers' fields and orchards after harvest. This food, instead of being left behind to rot, is delivered to those in need through programs such as local food banks and soup kitchens. Harvest of Hope is a national gleaning network.

Harvest of Hope regional offices are located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The national office is located in Big Island, Virginia.

Disaster Recovery Northwest Florida (Walton)

Contact: Gabe Tischler, Catholic Charities of Florida
Emergency Management Specialist
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Phone: 850.443.2996
Website: <http://www.waltonltro.org> or
Hammers & Hearths Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hammers-and-Hearts/183369785108668>

The Disaster Event: Tropical Storm Andrea came ashore in Northwest Florida on July 2, 2013. It brought heavy winds and rain as far inland as Washington County. For the next three days, the storm produced record rainfall in Washington, Bay and Walton Counties, with Washington County receiving close to 20 inches of rain in less than 48 hours. The large

amount of rainfall caused flooding throughout the three counties. The heavy winds broke branches of off trees, causing roof damage to homes. As the ground became more saturated by the continuous rains, trees began to fall over, creating further damage to homes. To date over 40 inches of rain has been recorded in the City of Vernon in Washington County. County Emergency Management began receiving calls from homeowners who sustained damages to their homes, and 150 homes have been identified in the three counties, as needing assistance with repairs. FEMA is not providing any individual assistance to disaster survivors, therefore all of the recovery efforts are handled by faith-based organizations.

Work Needed: Repair/Rebuild homes, Roofing in Washington County is pertinent. Gutting homes, replacing insulation, sheet rock repair and painting flooring and other interior work also needed.

Educational/Advocacy Components

Preparation for the trip: "Mission Trips That Matter" by Don C. Richter, Upper Room Books.

On-Site Reflection: "Meeting God in the Ruins: Devotions for Disaster Volunteers" Copies will be provided at group housing site. Additional free copies may be ordered from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by calling 800.638.3522 ext. 2580. (ISBN: 6-0001-6788-1); pay shipping only.

Follow up Action: Help your local community prepare for possible disaster and response, be sure your local congregation has a plan in case of a local disaster and get to know your UCC Conference Disaster Coordinator and stay involved.

Time: November 3, 2013 through March 2014

Group Size: 50 maximum

One in Eight: Each group should include a ratio of at least 1:8 of skilled construction persons able to coordinate and teach others for each group. Long Term Recovery committee provides general Construction Coordinator and materials through Hammers and Hearths who will provide construction and volunteer scheduling, coordination and housing arrangements in Walton, Washington or Bay County.

Minimum Age: 18 years for roof-work, 16 years for interior groundwork.

Accommodations: Housing for groups provided at local churches in one of the three counties; this is arranged through Hammers and Hearths. Cots and kitchen access provided. Groups bring own bedding and prepare own meals. (some meals maybe provided by local churches. Showers, bathrooms, and lounge room for meetings available in church buildings.

Tools: Groups should bring standard carpentry tools (hammers and cordless screw drivers, etc.) No special tools will be

required. A majority of the work will be done on mobile homes. Specific questions can be directed to Hammers and Hearths the Volunteer Coordinators upon registration.

Cost: \$10/day/person or \$50/week/person. Costs for case management, building materials, tools, and construction supervision provided through the local long-term recovery committee. Your donations to UCC *One Great Hour of Sharing*® help make possible the local work of the Long-Term Recovery Committee.

GEORGIA

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Fuller Center for Housing (Americus)

Contact: Sharon Tarver, Registrar for U.S. Builds
701 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Americus, GA 31917

E-Mail: starver@fullercenter.org

Phone: 229.294.2900 *Fax: 229.924.2901

Website: <http://fullercenter.org/americus>

Register on-line:

<http://fullercenter.org/usbuildteams/register?q=student-builders/builder-teams/register>

The Fuller Center for Housing faith-driven and Christ-centered, promotes collaborative and innovative partnerships with individuals and organizations in an unrelenting quest to provide adequate shelter for all people in need worldwide.

Projects/Focus: Building new and repairing existing homes working with families in need. The exact projects will be determined close to group arrival and based upon the progress of previous accomplishments of our volunteers and available resources.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Each group will receive an orientation about the community they will be serving. This will include a discussion about poverty housing in the area, and the economic benefit of our “hand up-not a handout” approach to charity and how this builds a Fund for Humanity recycling homeowner payments to serve other people in need in the community. Churches do mission work by empowering the people they serve.

Time: Any time of the year.

Group Size: 2-20

Minimum Age: 14 + years. Younger accepted with parent supervision.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Local churches – details vary from church to church. Teams will prepare their own meals.

Cost: \$160 per person.

Fuller Center for Housing (Macon)

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Time: All year. Work week: Monday – Friday.

Group Size: 5-20

Minimum Age: 14+ years

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Local churches. Two dinners will be provided during the week. Team will prepare all other meals.

Cost: \$110 per person

Fuller Center for Housing (Warwick)

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Time: All year. Work week: Monday - Saturday

Group Size: 2-20. Teams will need to include volunteers with construction skills to assist with site supervision. There is not a full-time construction supervisor in Warwick.

Minimum Age: 18+ years

Accommodations: Local Baptist camp with bunk houses or local churches. Come lunches and dinners will be provided. Team will prepare all other meals.

Cost: \$150 per person

Harvest of Hope (Tifton)

Contact: www.endhunger.org

Phone: 800.333.4597

See listing for National Headquarters under Virginia.

Projects/Focus: Participants glean nutritious produce from farmers' fields and orchards after harvest. This food, instead of being left behind to rot, is delivered to those in need through programs such as local food banks and soup kitchens. Harvest of Hope is a national gleaning network.

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ILLINOIS

Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection (DOOR) (Chicago)

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Koinonia Partners (Americus)

Contact: Hospitality Coordinator

1324 GA Hwy 49 S

Americus, GA 31719

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Phone: 229.924.0391 ext. 12 * Fax: 229.924.6504

Website: www.koinoniapartners.org

The **Koinonia** mission: We are Christians called to living together in intentional community sharing a life of prayer, work, study, service and fellowship. We seek to embody peacemaking, sustainability, and radical sharing. While honoring people of all backgrounds and faiths, we strive to demonstrate the way of Jesus as an alternative to materialism, militarism and racism.

Projects/Focus: Projects may include tending pecan and fruit orchards, trail and grounds maintenance, office work, assistance with summer youth camp or after-school programs for elders and children, or home repair ministry work.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Groups join the activities of members of this intentional community. Days consist of prayer, work, study and service. There is a museum of Koinonia history and local African-American history on-site, as well as a small gift store. Tours of the farm and grounds are available. Koinonia is the birthplace of Habitat for Humanity and other social justice organizations.

Time: Any time of year. The earlier the group contacts the Coordinator, the greater chance there will be housing available for the group.

Group Size: Up to 20 in Guest House, occasionally more if other visitor housing is vacant – please contact Coordinator to confirm.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:4 for primary; 1:8 or fewer for secondary.

Accommodations: Guest house has living space, bedrooms, shared bathroom and shared kitchen. Linens provided. Camping is possible. 8 RV hookups and several smaller guest lodgings are available for small groups or families. Weekday noon meals shared with community, other meals on your own.

Cost: Suggested donations: \$15 per person per night lodging, \$6 per adult for noon meal \$3 per child for noon meal.

Rockford Workcamps [A Project of Rockford Urban Ministries] (Rockford)

Contact: Michelle Ryan, Executive Director

201 Seventh Street

Rockford, IL 61104

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Phone: 815.315.3957 or 815.964.7111

Website:

http://rockfordworkcamps.org/RWC/Rockford_Work_Camps.html

Registration on-line:

<http://rockfordworkcamps.org/RWC/Register.html>

Rockford Work Camps provide volunteer labor to help better the city's low-income neighborhoods, food pantries, homeless shelters, and environmentally protection areas. Rockford Work Camps (RWC) is a project of Rockford Urban Ministries.

Projects/Focus: Home repair/rehab, painting, cleaning, drywall, deck/porch/wheelchair ramp construction, siding, landscaping. Some groups serve at food pantries, soup kitchens and food banks. Projects may also include natural prairie restoration and/or assisting with children/youth programs. Full-time staff person oversees work during the summer.

Educational/Advocacy Components: An "urban tour" and one evening program on the history of the city and of low income housing development is provided by Rockford Urban Ministries staff upon request. Groups are encouraged to design their own programs and devotional times for the evenings.

Time: Work camps run throughout the year with most groups serving during June, July and August.



Group Size: From 5 to 120 maximum, special accommodations for larger or smaller groups available.

Minimum age: 13 years

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:3 for Jr. High volunteers; 1:4 for Sr. High volunteers.

Accommodations: Housing is provided by local churches with use of kitchen facilities. Groups provide own food and bedding. Showers are available at two of the churches, (Second Congregational UCC) or the local YMCA. If more formal accommodation is desired, a nearby retreat center is available for housing at an additional cost. Bring your favorite tools.

Cost: \$200 non-refundable initial donation needed to confirm reservation. An additional \$20 per day per person covers operational expenses and staff leadership (due before group arrives). Donations for tools and building materials welcome, but we allow the spirit to move you as to how much.

IOWA

Camp Courageous of Iowa (Monticello)

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Monticello, IA 52310

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Phone: 319.465.5916 * Fax: 319.465.5919

Website: www.campcourageous.org



Camp Courageous is a year-round recreational and respite care facility for individuals of all ages with disabilities.

Projects/Focus: Volunteer groups serve with

(1) Maintenance projects such as pouring cement sidewalks, building sheds and trails and decks, installing fences, painting buildings and signs, splitting and staking firewood. Projects can be molded around the group's experience and special skills.

(2) Volunteer groups also may serve as volunteer counselors. Volunteer counselors must be at least 16 years of age. These volunteers work alongside the Camp Courageous Counselors and work directly with campers for the week. They assist the campers in participating in a variety of activities including canoeing, arts & crafts, climbing, archery, swimming, hiking and caving. They are also in the cabin in the morning and at bedtime to help get the campers ready for the day and ready for bed at night. It is a fun, yet demanding week and requires maturity and dedication. Groups wishing to serve as counselors must commit to a full camp session (Summer-Sunday 2:15 p.m. through Friday 2:00 p.m.)

Educational Components: Staff provide orientation for the group to the goals and program offered at Camp Courageous. Groups are responsible for their own education, reflection, worship.

• Keep updated on the United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries (www.uccdm.org).

• Engage in a study using the resource, "Anybody, Everybody, Christ's Body" Developed by the Disabilities Network. This curriculum helps congregations become A-2-A (Accessible to All). (<http://www.uccdm.org/A2A/anybody.pdf>) Free. #PLLA2A Call UCCR Resources 800.537.3394.

• Acquaint your group with the 2005 General Synod Resolution, "Called to Wholeness in Christ: Becoming a Church Accessible to All" (<http://www.ucc.org/education/polity/pdf-folder/gs-25-called-to-wholeness-in-christ.pdf>)

Time: Year-Round. Day, Weekend, Full Week Camp Courageous is open year-round and can schedule volunteer groups almost any time. Summer season starts in late May and runs through mid-August.

Group Size: 5-25

Minimum Age: Volunteer Counselors 16 yrs. To run power tools 18 years and the other projects - ages flexible.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:8.

Accommodations: Various housing options are available on-site. Many groups stay in the lodge basement (one large room for sleeping on cots and two bathrooms). Other groups stay in Menster Dorm (4 bedrooms that sleep up to 8 people each; 4 bathrooms; small kitchen and large common area). Both options are air-conditioned.

Cost: all groups are asked to provide a donation to the campership fund in the amount of one full campership- \$470.

KENTUCKY

Appalachia Service Project, Inc.

Contact: Karen Frederick, Director of Volunteers
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Johnson City, TN 37601

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Website: www.asphome.org



The **Appalachia Service Project** repairs homes for the poorest families in central Appalachia with the vision that substandard housing in central Appalachia might be eradicated and everyone who comes into contact with this ministry will be transformed.

Projects/Focus: ASP is a relational ministry that repairs homes for low-income families throughout central Appalachia (Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina). The goal is to make homes 'warmer, safer and drier.'

Locations: Opportunities are available in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. All locations are scheduled by ASP National Offices via above information.

Henderson Settlement (Frakes)

Contact: Jerry Lambdin, Mission Outreach Director
P.O. Box 205, Hwy. 190
Frakes, KY 40940



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On-line contact:

www.hendersonsettlement.com/contactus_workcamp.php

Phone: 606.337.3613 ext. 400 * Fax: 606.337.2225

Website: www.hendersonsettlement.com

Henderson Settlement engages in mission outreach with groups and community outreach in the areas of childcare, youth, food pantry, senior center, library, fellowship, support groups, new mother assistance, financial assistance, agriculture with animals, farmers market, greenhouses, classes, food preservation, local craft sales and sale of used clothing and furniture.

Projects/Focus: Basic construction projects for community home repair and campus projects of maintenance on farm and facilities.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Opportunities provided for cultural, economic, and spiritual growth.

Time: Year-Round

Group Size: Up to 200 persons per week.

Minimum Age: High School age

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Dormitory with A/C. Groups bring own bedding and linens. Meals provided 3 times a day.

Cost: Spring and fall, \$210 per person per week; summer, \$230 per person per week. Cost covers room and board including meals, programming, and activities.

H.O.M.E.S. (Housing Oriented Ministries Established for Service) (Whitesburg)

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65 Bentley Ave
Whitesburg, KY 41858

E-mail: rachelbrashear@bellsouth.net

Phone: 606.632.1717 ext. 300 * Fax: 606.632.1974

Website: www.homesincky.com

<http://www.fbcbeverly.org/Misc-files/HOMES%20Volunteer%20Packet.pdf>

H.O.M.E.S. engages in both major and minor home repair in Letcher, Knott, and Floyd Counties in southeastern Kentucky.

Projects/Focus: Build new owner-owned houses and do Home repair.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Orientation by staff on Appalachian culture, economy and history. Music program and square dance may be available.

Time: Year-round except weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Group Size: Maximum 50. More can be accommodated on a case-by-case approval. Groups are divided into work crews of seven to eight people.

Minimum Age: None.

Accommodations: Volunteers are housed on-site in barracks-style bunkhouse with bunk beds, separate kitchens, and bathhouse. Groups provide and prepare their own food.

Cost: \$220 per person per week. \$110 per person non-refundable deposit required for registration confirmation.

Urban Spirit (Louisville)

Contact: Rev. Dr. Deborah DeMars Conrad
448 N. 26th Street (P.O. Box 11434)
Louisville, KY 40251

E-Mail: ravdeb@urbanspirit.org

Phone: 502.778.7211

Website: www.urbanspirit.org



Urban Spirit is a community-based program through which participants experience the neighborhood while learning first-hand about poverty, justice and what faithful people can do to change the world.

Projects/Focus: Unlike other mission trips, at Urban Spirit the project is you. In this community-based program, you'll work in the community but mostly you will experience life at the poverty line in America. A variety of programs are offered. Descriptions are available on the website.

- For middle-schoolers, a half-week social justice camp introduces themes of poverty, power and holy imagination.
- In the weeklong poverty simulation, for high school and older, participants won't just learn about poverty, they'll live it from Sunday evening until Saturday morning, working for minimum wage and struggling to care for a family.
- For those who have completed the simulation, Level II Leadership goes beyond with lessons on lobbying, negotiating, community assessment, advocacy and other skills vital to becoming a powerful "social irritant." Level III is an examination of privilege and power, for which students may be able to arrange academic credit.
- Other experiences can be custom-designed for your group or for a sabbatical or individual adult/student experience.

Program information is online. Please review it carefully before deciding to register for any of these challenging events.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Everything in this program is about education. Participants will serve in the community, but more importantly, participation will be in activities designed to

help teach the lessons of poverty. Bartering, Bible studies, discussions, story-telling, community exploration, games, journaling, role plays all become learning tools for a power experience.

Time: Check the website for current dates and costs.

Group Size: Optimum group size: 12-30

Minimum Age: Depends on program. Programs are designed for middle school through adult; for special circumstances or family groups, call for conversation.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:4

Accommodations: All housing is on-site. Read the FAQ online for the program under consideration.

Cost: Fees are posted on the website, and include programming, lodging, food and transportation. A non-refundable deposit of \$50/person is required to confirm event.

LOUISIANA

Fuller Center for Housing (Hammond)

Contact: Sharon Tarver, Registrar for U.S. Builds
701 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Americus, GA 31917

E-Mail: starver@fullercenter.org

Phone: 229.294.2900 *Fax: 229.924.2901

Website: <http://fullercenter.org/amicus>

Register on-line:

<http://fullercenter.org/usbuildteams/register?q=student-builders/builder-teams/register>

The Fuller Center for Housing faith-driven and Christ-centered, promotes collaborative and innovative partnerships with individuals and organizations in an unrelenting quest to provide adequate shelter for all people in need worldwide.

Projects/Focus: Building new and repairing existing homes working with families in need. The exact projects will be determined close to group arrival and based upon the progress of previous accomplishments of our volunteers and available resources.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Each group will receive an orientation about the community they will be serving. This will include a discussion about poverty housing in the area, and the economic benefit of our "hand up-not a handout" approach to charity and how this builds a Fund for Humanity recycling homeowner payments to serve other people in need in the community. Churches do mission work by empowering the people they serve.

Time: Spring, Summer, Fall. Work Week: Monday - Friday

Group Size: 5-20

Minimum Age: 16 + years

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: The host will help identify affordable lodging accommodations (cost in addition to registration fee) and suggest meal arrangements. One option is a deeply discounted motel which provides complimentary breakfast. Several lunches may be provided by local residents..

Cost: \$115 per person (plus an additional fee for housing)

Fuller Center for Housing (Shreveport)

Contact: Sharon Tarver, Registrar for U.S. Builds
701 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Americus, GA 31917

E-Mail: starver@fullercenter.org

Phone: 229.294.2900 *Fax: 229.924.2901

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Time: Any time of the year. Work week: Monday - Friday

Group Size: 10-20

Minimum Age: 18+ years

Accommodations: Local church volunteer center. All meals are provided (breakfast is fruit and cereal and lunch is sandwiches).

Cost: \$160 per person. (not applicable for RV Builders)

Fuller Center for Housing (Webster Parish)

Contact: Sharon Tarver, Registrar for U.S. Builds
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Americus, GA 31917

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Time: Any time of the year.

Group Size: 5-20

Minimum Age: 18+ years.

Accommodations: Two local church options: (1) basement recreation area with cots for sleeping, games, and theatre for watching movies or TV. (2) New Family Life Center with basketball court and lots of space. Food: Dinners will be provided, teams will prepare their own breakfasts and lunches.

Cost: \$110 per person

MAINE

H.O.M.E., Inc. [Home Workers Organized for More Employment] (Orland)

Contact: Jackie Burpee

P.O. Box 10

Orland, ME 04472

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volunteer@homecoop.net

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Website: www.homecoop.net



H.O.M.E., Inc. (Home Workers Organized for More Employment) offers jobs, food, education, temporary shelter and home ownership in the community. H.O.M.E., established in 1970 as a craft cooperative, is a multifaceted organization involved in economic reconstruction and social rehabilitation.

Projects/Focus: Volunteers help with home construction and carpentry, home repair, community outreach, cooking in soup kitchen, and painting. Work is also needed in a recovery barn,

and other manual labor, as well as assistance in a Summer Day Camp Program. Groups may work either on-site or at a housing project in off ground construction sites.

Educational/Advocacy Components:

H.O.M.E. is engaged in social and economic reconstruction by running several homeless shelters with one on the grounds themselves. Groups work intimately with H.O.M.E. employees and residents in a reciprocal partnership with a commitment towards social change. Work supervisor meets with group and group leaders to provide scheduling and instruction daily.

Time: Year round.

Group Size: Up to 50, including adult sponsors.

Minimum Age: High school age and older.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Lodging is provided in the Volunteer Center which is equipped with full kitchen and showers. Bring bedding, paper products, food, clothing appropriate for manual labor, work gloves, appropriate footwear, and tools for your own use. We do expect you to honor our dress code. Adult supervision is necessary at all times. Groups may prepare their own meals in the Volunteer Center, however, we serve a hot lunch daily in the soup kitchen for a small donation. There are several stores nearby, also a grocery store and pharmacy 3 miles away.

Cost: Groups assigned to work on a major project such as home building may be requested to contribute towards purchasing materials. There is no cost for board. Donations to help further the mission's work are appreciated.

Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (Portland)

Contact: Nicole Bosarg, Youth Coordinator

P.O. Box 10505

Portland, ME 04104

E-Mail: volunteer@habitatme.org

Phone: 207.772.2151 * Fax: 207.772.8113

Website: www.habitatportlandme.org



Habitat for Humanity builds decent, affordable housing for families whose income is above public housing guidelines and unable to qualify for conventional mortgages. Qualified families are given a "hand up, not a hand out."

Projects/Focus: All aspects of home construction, skilled and unskilled.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Group leaders responsible for own programming. Habitat for Humanity Youth Advocacy Toolkit related to poverty and affordable housing available at www.habitat.org/youthprograms/ages_14_25/YouthAdvocacyToolkit.pdf

Time: June through August - working Monday through Friday for a one- or two-week period.

Group Size: Groups of 10-15

Minimum Age: High school age. Preference is 16 years of age as minimum.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Housing is available for up to 12 people for one-week blocks of time. House is available with bunk bed style sleeping arrangements, a full kitchen, dining room and 2 bathrooms. A great place to retreat!

Cost: Donations \$100 per person for a 5-day week.

MARYLAND

Church World Service Kits and SERRV at Brethren Service Center (New Windsor)

Distribution of material resources around the world on behalf of Church World Service, and Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA) World Health among others.

Contact: New Windsor Conference Center
500 Main Street, P.O. Box 188
New Windsor, MD 21776-0188

E-Mail : nwcc@brethren.org

Phone: 800.766.1553 or 410.635.8700

Fax: 410.635.8719

Website: www.brethren.org "Brethren Service Center"

The Brethren Service Center (on behalf of **Church World Service** and other church organizations) inventories, packs and ships goods around the world routinely and during times of crisis.

Projects/Focus: SERRV: A Greater Gift and the warehouse,

Material Resources warehouse, and shipping for Church World Service "Gift of the Heart" kits rely on volunteers to help ship material resources.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Staff provides orientation tour of Brethren Service Center. Material goods are processed and shipped on behalf of the following organizations. Group leaders are responsible for other programming.

Church of the Brethren; Lutheran WORLD Relief; Church World Service, Interchurch Medical Assistance World Health; American Baptist White Cross; Presbyterian Women's Dept.; Evangelical Covenant Church; Feeding the Nations; Global Assistance; International Orthodox Christian Charities.

Time: Year-round. Groups may come for one day or several days at a time, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Minimum Age: 14 years (Ages 14-16 require parental consent in writing.)

Accommodations: New Windsor Conference Center is available for lodging.

Cost: Those coming from out of town may stay overnight at the New Windsor Conference Center at a discounted rate. Lunch is provided at no charge for those working six hours or more. Contact conference coordinator for rates.

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston Urban Outreach - A Program of City Mission Society of Boston (Boston)

Contact: Carl McDonald
14 Beacon Street #203
Boston, MA 02108

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Phone: 617.742.6830 ext. 210 * Fax: 617.742.8470

Website: www.cmsboston.org

City Mission Society of Boston, the second oldest mission agency in the US, is a UCC affiliated agency. **Boston Urban Outreach** offers mission opportunities to groups at a wide variety of service sites. Programming offered to all groups, both faith-based and secular.

Projects/Focus: Service sites vary depending upon the current needs of the partner agencies. Service possibilities include feeding ministries, sorting clothes, packing food, urban gardening, painting or cleaning projects. The goal is to introduce volunteers to a "ministry of presence" in order to develop relationships with underserved populations.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Boston is a center of Congregational History. During your free time, you can explore historic Boston. For additional fees, daily reflections can be provided by staff. Mission trips begin with a Public Voice dinner. Groups prepare and share dinner with speakers who share their personal stories about social issues such as homelessness, incarceration, addiction, racism and educational disparity. Call us to customize a program for your group.

Time: Year-round. Day trips/overnight/weekends/week-long

Group Size: 10 minimum; 100 maximum

Minimum Age: Recommended for youth and adult groups. Contact us for special circumstances. Accommodation can be made for groups of all ages.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Groups are housed at inner city UCC churches within the Greater Boston area. All locations have fully equipped kitchens and large sleeping areas. Air mattresses are provided. Showers are available at two sites. Groups provide their own meals. (Supermarkets within walking distance of each site.) Public transit is available for \$18 per person for 7 days. Free parking is available for vans.

Cost: A typical week long trip is \$225 per person. This includes lodging, orientation, service site coordination, maps/directions to each site, one evening program with speakers who have experienced homelessness and an optional one time reflection with each group.

Heifer Farm (Rutland)

Contact: Reservations Office
216 Wachusett Street
Rutland, MA 01543-2099

E-mail: heifer.farm@heifer.org

Phone: 508.886.2221

Website: www.heifer.org/farm



Heifer Farm is one of three learning centers operated by Heifer, International, a global non-profit committed to working with communities in need around the world to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. Heifer's learning centers provide experiential education that inspires, challenges and engages people to join with Heifer's mission and take action.

Project/Focus: The amount and length of service activities vary by program and primarily focus on assisting with daily chores on the farm such as gardening, working with livestock and helping with farm maintenance. The service helps maintain the Learning Center so that it remains an active Heifer International community.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Heifer's Learning Centers offer programs that combine experiential learning with service activities. For details please ask for the program pre-trip packet.

Time: 1-night, 2-night or 4-night programs

Group Size: Minimum: none; Maximum: 48 people (May – October) & 16 people (off-peak)

Minimum Age: 6th grade and up or ages 11 and up.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:7

Accommodations: Lodging is provided in either dorm-style bunkrooms with modern restroom, shower and electricity or in platform tents with cots and electricity with nearby modern restrooms and showers. Freshly prepared meals are served buffet-style. Lunch and dinner include farm-based products reflecting our commitments to sustainability, self-reliance, nutrition and improving the environment.

Cost: Tuition fees vary per program and include programming, lodging and meals.

MICHIGAN

United Church Outreach Ministry (UCOM) (Grand Rapids)

Contact: Bruce Roller or Shawn Keener
1311 Chicago Drive SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

Email: bruce.roller@UCOMgr.org

Phone: 616.241.4006 x32* Fax: 616.241.3433

Website: www.UCOMgr.org



UCOM provides material and educational assistance to meet basic needs, improve quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.

Projects/Focus: Projects for Mission Groups are built around the interests and skills of the volunteer groups. Some typical projects performed by Mission Groups at UCOM incorporate work in one or more of the following areas and are needed on a regular basis: gardening/landscaping, repair, maintenance and painting of the building (inside and/or outside); tutoring elementary and middle school children; warehousing product; rotating inventory; personal shopping; bulk food repackaging; filing; data entry; sorting gently used clothing; artwork; photography; and many other operations and support activities.

Educational Components: UCOM's executive director is an ordained minister and former adjunct professor for Samaritan College. He will work with group leaders to customize an education/worship experience that involves group leaders and volunteers to whatever extent they wish to be involved. Staff and supportive area clergy are a willing resource to these programs at UCOM. UCOM collaborates with more than 20 service agencies and 16 UCC congregations that are willing to showcase how this work fits into the wider justice picture in Grand Rapids.

Time: UCOM can utilize groups during any season though summer months make for more diversity of activities. The trip should be scheduled with our program director *at least* one month prior to arrival time.

Group Size: 5 to 30

Minimum Age: 12 year

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:7

Accommodations: Depending upon the size of the group. UCOM can provide on-site comfortable space for 20 people with sleeping bags, provided groups don't mind sleeping on floors. UCOM has four bathrooms but only two showers. Groups staying at UCOM will be asked to make a minimum donation of \$10 per person per night to help cover costs associated with the trip. UCOM can provide on-site communal meals for \$5 per meal. In the event that your group chooses not to stay at UCOM our supporting churches are generally very generous both with "church sleeping spaces" and occasionally, individual congregants willing to take UCOM volunteers in their homes.

MISSISSIPPI

Back Bay Mission (Biloxi)



Contact: Craig Steenkamp
1012 Division Street
Biloxi, MS 39530

E-Mail: volunteercoordinator@thebackbaymission.org
Phone: 228.432.0301 * Fax: 228.374.2922
Website: www.thebackbaymission.org

Back Bay Mission is a community ministry of the United Church of Christ, serving the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the wider church community by faithful witness for social justice and compassionate service to the poor and marginalized.

Back Bay Mission combines advocacy for justice alongside the direct services for those who experience injustice daily.

Projects/Focus: This program is one of Back Bay Mission's trademarks within the United Church of Christ. Back Bay Mission has developed a highly successful style of work camping based on experiential learning. While the "work" in work camping has become more intense and the term "housing recovery" more appropriate since Hurricane Katrina, BBM's model of work camping is more in demand than ever. It places equal emphasis on productivity (home rehabilitation or construction) and learning, using an action-reflection model. This powerful method helps people internalize their learning at the same time they build cohesive caring groups. From serving approximately 20 work teams per year before 2005, the program since Hurricane Katrina in 2005 has grown to hosting 40 teams as the Mission, along with many other organizations, responds to the overwhelming need for housing restoration. Work teams will perform ALL aspects of home building/remodeling. All work campers also have the opportunity for service in the food pantry and in the New Micah Day Center for the homeless population. When the Mission selects a home to restore, it commits to completing the project. The effort frequently requires many weeks' work by several different work teams.

Educational Components: Back Bay Mission staff provides education regarding issues on poverty, affordable housing and justice issues in disaster recovery, along with the church's role in enacting social change. The Community Empowerment ministry of Back Bay Mission serves the local and wider communities and initiates fundamental systemic change through grassroots community organizing and advocacy.

Minimum Age: 14 years.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5 Groups are asked to include adults skilled in home repair.

Accommodations: Lodging and mattresses provided. Group must bring own bedding. Group provides food and prepares own meals.

Cost: \$75 per participant per week plus \$200 reservation fee per group. Beginning in January 2013, a \$50 per person material cost fee has been implemented on all work campers. See Back Bay Mission website for complete details.

Harvest of Hope (Jackson)

Contact: www.endhunger.org
Phone: 800.333.4597

Harvest of Hope is a national gleaning network that educates participants concerning the domestic and global hunger problem with the encouragement to make a lifelong commitment to being part of the solution.

Projects/Focus: Participants glean nutritious produce from farmers' fields and orchards after harvest. This food, instead of being left behind to rot, is delivered to those in need through programs such as local food banks and soup kitchens. Harvest of Hope is a national gleaning network.

Harvest of Hope regional offices are located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The national office is located in Big Island, Virginia.

MISSOURI

Blue Springs Terrace (Blue Springs) **(near Kansas City)**

Contact: Madeline Edwards, Terrace Administrator
307 W 19th Terrace
Blue Springs, MO 64015

Phone: 816.709.8885
E-Mail: thrlymdrnmle@yahoo.com
Website: www.bluespringsterrace.com

Blue Springs Terrace is a low-cost and friendly place to live in retirement for those who have dedicated their lives to serving others as pastors or full-time office staff of the United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ.

Projects/Focus: Blue Springs Terrace provides independent living in supportive Christian community for all retired pastors and full-time Christian workers of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and/or their spouses. Houses are provided and residents pay for utilities and a small monthly maintenance fee. Work projects include building assessments and repairs so that people can remain in their homes living independently.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Blue Springs Terrace is a member of the UCC Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM). Conversation with retired church workers and clergy.

Time: Weekends or weeklong in Spring, Summer or Fall

Group Size: Maximum 10 (more can be accommodated with notice)

Minimum Age: None

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Groups stay at the 'Agape House' Terrace

Community Center. Bring your own air mattress and sleeping bag. Kitchen provided. Groups cook own food. Bring own tools and equipment for projects.

Cost: Donations accepted for materials

Disaster Recovery (Joplin)

Contact: Howard Self, UCC Disaster Ministries' Registrar,
Joplin

Email: hjself@live.com

Phone: 618.318.2445 (Cell)

Website: <http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/disaster-recovery-volunteers/joplin-mo.html>

The Disaster Event: May 2011 tornado

Projects/Focus: Projects will include, but not limited to, home repair, rebuilding, and new construction, as identified by the Joplin Long Term Recovery Organization/Rebuild Joplin.

Time: Through August 2014 Arrive on Sunday evening. Work Monday - Friday. Depart by Saturday morning.

Educational/Advocacy Components:

Preparation for the trip: "Mission Trips That Matter" by Don C. Richter, Upper Room Books.

On-Site Reflection: "Meeting God in the Ruins: Devotions for Disaster Volunteers" Copies will be provided at group housing site. Additional free copies may be ordered from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by calling 800.638.3522 ext. 2580. (ISBN: 6-0001-6788-1); pay shipping only.

Follow up Action: Help your local community prepare for possible disaster and response, be sure your local congregation has a plan in case of a local disaster and get to know your UCC Conference Disaster Coordinator and stay involved.

Group Size: 20 total each week. Check with registrar on availability of a particular week.

Minimum Age: 16 years. Volunteers under age 18 have specific waiver forms requiring parent/guardian signature.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Housing provided by South Joplin Christian Church. Bunks, bathrooms, showers, access to kitchen facilities and utensils, and access to laundry facilities are available.

Group Payment: Please send in one group check for registration and one group check for the final balance. Also, please write "Joplin Mission Station" AND the week of your scheduled trip on the memo line of your check. Checks should be made out to "**Disciples Home Missions**".

Cost: The total cost is \$75/person per week to support the ongoing operations of the mission station. The fee is broken down into two parts:

1. Within three weeks of receiving confirmation of your reservation, a NON-REFUNDABLE registration fee of \$25/person is due. Because this fee is NON-REFUNDABLE, please make the most accurate reservation you can.
2. At least three weeks prior to your arrival in Joplin, the remaining program fee of \$50/person participating is due. Please note that this balance due is based on the number of people in your group who will be in Joplin (\$50xactual number of participants". It is not affected by your NON-REFUNDABLE deposit.
3. **Cancellations:** Cancellations made at least **three weeks prior to arrival** will receive a refund of the \$50/person portion of the program fee if it has already been paid.
4. **Mail payment to:** Disciples/UCC Joplin Disaster Recovery, c/o Brenda Tyler, Disciples Home Missions, PO Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Costs for building materials and tools, and construction supervision provided through the local Joplin Long-Term Recovery Committee. Your donations to UCC *One Great Hour of Sharing*®, the UCC Spring Storms Appeal, and Disciples *Week of Compassion* help make possible the local work of the Long-Term Recovery Committee and group housing.

Emmaus Homes, Inc. **(Marthasville & St. Charles)**

Contact for Summer Mission Camp Program (Marthasville)

Rev. Wendy Jaine Summers

Phone: 636.534.5257

Email: summersw@emmaushomes.org

Contact for all other volunteer opportunities:

Chris Adams, Director of Volunteers & Foundation Operations

Phone: 636.534.5218

Fax: 636.947.1336

Email: adamsc@emmaushomes.org

Website: www.emmaushomes.org

Marthasville Campus

11900 Emmaus Dr.

Marthasville, MO 63357

St. Charles Campus

2200 Randolph St.

St. Charles, MO 63301

Emmaus Homes provides home and programming for individuals with developmental disabilities based on their unique needs and goals.

Projects/Focus: Yard work, painting, carpentry, cleaning, filing, and assistance in recreational and educational programs.

Experience relationships with persons with developmental disabilities.

Educational/Advocacy Components:

Throughout the stay, opportunities are offered for individuals to work in the Senior/Recreation Program. This is an opportunity to work directly with residents under staff supervision.

Time: All seasons.

Group Size: Maximum 25

Minimum Age: 12+

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5 (Requested ratio of 1:3 if group is composed of youth ages 12-15.)

Accommodations: Group housing for a maximum of 25 is available on campus. Bring your own bed sheet, blanket, bath towel, personal hygiene supplies, and food supplies. Emmaus will provide a large fully equipped kitchen and dining room for you to prepare and share meals, and a small kitchenette to store your snack food. Mission campers work half-day with physical labor projects and half-day with Emmaus residents in a wide range of programs. Campers may spend evening hours in recreational activities of their choice with residents or with their own group (we offer onsite fishing, a paddle boat, hiking, field games, or you may go to a local YMCA swimming pool). Evening Vesper service may be led by our Mission Camp Coordinator or by your Group Leader in the chapel or at the campfire site.

Cost: Donation requested to offset the cost of utilities.

Fuller Center for Housing (Kansas City)

Contact: Sharon Tarver, Registrar for U.S. Builds
701 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Americus, GA 31917

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Phone: 229.294.2900 *Fax: 229.924.2901

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homeowner payments to serve other people in need in the community. Churches do mission work by empowering the people they serve.

Time: Spring (march is the best month) Monday - Saturday

Group Size: 6-14

Minimum Age: 18+ years

Accommodations: Options range from dorm-like facilities (bedrooms with community restrooms) to hosting in homes of church families. Food: Most lunches and dinners will be provided, but some meals may be "on the town" at participants' own expense. Teams will prepare their own breakfasts.

Cost: \$160 per person.

Harvest of Hope (Kansas City)

Contact: www.endhunger.org

Phone: 800.333.4597



See listing for National Headquarters under Virginia.

Projects/Focus: Participants glean nutritious produce from farmers' fields and orchards after harvest. This food, instead of being left behind to rot, is delivered to those in need through programs such as local food banks and soup kitchens. Harvest of Hope is a national gleaning network.

Harvest of Hope regional offices are located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The national office is located in Big Island, Virginia.

Neighborhood Houses (St. Louis)

Contact: Kathy McCadden, Development Specialist
5621 Delmar, Suite 104
St. Louis, MO 63112

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Phone: 314.383.1733 ext. 17 * Fax: 314.361.6873

Website: www.neighborhoodhouses.org

Neighborhood Houses has served families in St. Louis for 100 years and counting. Quality programs and compassion strengthen children, families and communities. Neighborhood House's continuum of care includes a Teen Moms' program (Girls' Night Out), an Early Childhood Education program at Caroline Mission (6 weeks through 5 years) and an after school program held in thirteen public elementary schools.

Projects/Focus: Work projects at Caroline Mission may include painting, cleaning, and yard work or assisting in one of the classrooms. Volunteers assisting in the After School Program will help with distributing the evening snack or meal, provide homework help for the students, and support the site manager in the execution of the planned curriculum. Work groups assisting with Girls' Night Out will help with childcare while the mothers attend Girls' Night Out.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Groups can choose to work on various activities directly with the children in Neighborhood Houses' programs.

Time: Year-round. Contact office to arrange time and schedule.

Group Size: 25–30 per group.

Minimum Age: 13 (with adult supervision)

Accommodations: Housing options list available on request. Groups provide their own food.

Cost: Donations encouraged.

Shannondale Community Center (Salem)

Contact: Jeff R. Fulk
HC 62, Box 340
Salem, MO 65560

E-Mail: shannondale@centurytel.net

Phone: 573.858.3284 * Fax: 573.858.3263

Website:

http://www.missourimidsouth.org/?page_id=57

Projects/Focus: Carpentry, plumbing, painting, electrical, and yard cleanup on the site of the Shannondale Community Center. Projects also can be arranged for the improvement of the local community. The group is expected to provide the material to be used. Some general tools are provided by the Center.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Group leaders provide own programming.

Time: Spring, summer, fall. Registration is necessary.

Group Size: 40 persons per group.

Minimum Age: None. Older persons also welcome.

Adult to Youth Ratio: Senior high youth – 1:6; junior high youth - 1:5. Adult leaders should have necessary construction skills so that the limited staff of Shannondale can provide direction but not direct supervision of the work site.

Accommodations: Groups provide own bedding. Cooking facilities are available. Groups provide their own meals. Shannondale will prepare meals for groups of 25 or more. We are located near the Ozarks National Scenic River ways Park. Float trips, retreat resources, adventure education, hayrides, and orienteering can be arranged for groups.

Cost: \$16 per person per day if not a work group. Work groups \$14 per person per day. Work materials extra.

Urban Mission Experience (St. Louis)

Contact: Sue Kupfer, Executive Director
2911 McNair Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63118

E-mail: umestl@yahoo.com

Phone: 314.517.0164

Website: <http://epiphanyucc.org/urban.html>
www.umestl.org

The goals of the **Urban Mission Experience** are to financially support urban churches, introduce mission trip visitors to some of the best mission agencies in the St. Louis area and live out Micah 6:8.

Projects/Focus: Groups work with several non-profit agencies in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Work may include sorting donations, stocking shelves, bagging groceries, cleaning facilities or assisting neighbors, working in a children's summer program, painting and yard service. Activities can be tailored according to group interests and staff availability. Groups get an overview of many ways the church is active in mission here.

Educational/Advocacy Components: The "Urban Encounter" program is designed with three components: 1) service work, 2) reflection on the experience, and 3) rest and recreation. Groups should plan to work 4-5 hours per day at each mission site. Trained facilitators are available one evening to help youth reflect on issues of poverty and social justice. Interaction with local youth groups is a potential part of this program. Local recreational opportunities include swimming, major and minor league baseball games, St. Louis Arch, Six Flags, St. Louis Zoo, Grant's Farm, City Museum and many special interest museums.

Time: Weeklong "Urban Encounter" mission trips may be scheduled from late May through August. Trips of less than a full week and trips September through May are also available. Call for availability.

Group Size: Maximum number 40

Minimum Age: Minimum age is sixth grade.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Housing is provided in a UCC Church. Sleeping rooms are air-conditioned. Bring sleeping bags and air mattresses. Groups may use church kitchen for meal preparation. Showers are available at nearby recreational center.

Cost: \$200 non-refundable deposit per group is required with reservation. Suggested donation for housing is \$25 per person per night for weeklong "Urban Encounter" mission events.

Urban Mission Inn (St. Louis)

Contact: Kate Lancaster
Union Avenue Christian (DOC)
733 Union Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108

E-mail: urbanmissioninn@gmail.com

Phone: 314.361.8844 * Fax: 314.361.3036

Website: www.union-avenue.org/outreach/urban-mission-inn

Urban Mission Inn is part of the Union Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The church describes itself as a faith community growing in the treasures of justice, stewardship, artistic expression and hospitality.

Project/Focus: The Urban Mission Inn offers a variety of possible inner-city volunteer opportunities including work with children, indigent seniors, soup kitchens, community gardens, homeless shelters, food delivery programs, food pantries, and more. Work projects are tailored to the needs and gifts of each group.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Group leaders responsible for own programming. Mission trip journal document is available upon request. On-site intern is available June 1 – August 15 to support groups.

Time: Year-round

Group Size: Up to 30

Minimum Age: 13 years.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:7

Accommodations: Air-conditioned sleeping rooms, bunk beds, air mattresses, on-site showers, meeting space, full kitchen with space for cooking and storing food.

Cost: None. A \$100 hold-the-date deposit is requested. Half is returned after the group's visit.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Horton Center – Pine Mountain

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Pembroke, NH 03275-3711

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Fax: 603.225.2345

Website: www.hortoncenter.org

Horton Center is the outdoor ministries site of the New Hampshire Conference, UCC.

Projects/Focus: Various on-site projects, based on ability & skills of the group, to enhance the camp. Local work projects can be arranged in the surrounding communities of Berlin and Gorham with local agencies.

Educational/ Advocacy Components: Explore life in northern New Hampshire, experience hiking in the White Mountains (hike Mt. Washington, highest in the northeast), river canoeing, rock climbing, caving, sleep on Pinkham Ledge under the stars, swim in a mountain river.

Time: Mid-May through mid-October

Registration Deadline: Open registration based on availability of space.

Group Size: 20-24

Minimum Age: 13

Adult to Youth Ratio: 2:8 or 2:10

Accommodations: Stay at the Horton Center Lodge. Kitchen facility available.

Cost: \$35 per person per night without meals, \$50 per person per night with meals (during summer camp season).

NEW JERSEY

Disaster Recovery (Atlantic City) ***Fuller Center for Housing***

Contact: Sharon Tarver

Phone: 229.924.2900

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Registration Website:

<http://fullercenter.org/usbuildteams/register?q=student-builders/builder-teams/register>

The Disaster Event: Hurricane Sandy 29 October 2012. People in 17 states were impacted. It was a Category 3 storm at its peak intensity when it made landfall in Cuba. When it hit the Northeastern United States, it was a Category 2 storm and the largest Atlantic Hurricane on record (as measured by diameter with winds spanning 1,100 miles).

Projects/Focus: Repair/Rebuilding of owner-occupied homes with first floor rental units in Atlantic City, NJ, behind the Boardwalk.

Educational/ Advocacy Components:

Preparation for the trip: "Mission Trips That Matter" by Don C. Richter, Upper Room Books.

On-Site Reflection: "Meeting God in the Ruins: Devotions for Disaster Volunteers" Copies will be provided at group housing site. Additional free copies may be ordered from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by calling 800.638.3522 ext. 2580. (ISBN: 6-0001-6788-1); pay shipping only.

Follow up Action: Help your local community prepare for possible disaster and response, be sure your local congregation has a plan in case of a local disaster and get to know your UCC Conference Disaster Coordinator and stay involved.

Time: Through 2014. Work Week: Monday – Friday.

Group Size: 10 – 100. Skill Level Required: 1 skilled volunteer for every 3-4 unskilled volunteers. In this rebuilding stage, it is helpful for groups to include people with construction experience who can serve in a supervisory role as needed

Minimum Age: 18 + years

Accommodations: Volunteer Center, with cots and kitchen area. Groups will be required to provide their own meals.

Cost: \$160.00 per person for one week. (or \$30-\$35/person/day for shorter trips) Fee includes lodging and supplemental insurance.

Disaster Recovery (Bergen County)

Contact: Judy Moore, UCC Disaster Ministries' Registrar for Hurricane Sandy Recovery
E-mail jmooreucc@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/disaster-recovery-volunteers/northern-new-jersey.html>

The Disaster Event: In October 2012, Hurricane Sandy left Moonachie and Little Ferry in northern New Jersey under several feet of salt water for days after a 9 foot ocean surge overflowed the Hackensack River. Almost all of the small homes in this area were damaged and residents were traumatized. Local organizations responded immediately to help support these communities and projects are now ongoing to repair homes in this area. Much of the media focused on areas on the shore so this small -inland area of Northern New Jersey was mostly overlooked.

Projects/Focus: Long-Term Disaster recovery from Hurricane Sandy in October 2012. Projects include home repair and rebuilding.

Educational/Advocacy Components

Preparation for the trip: "Mission Trips That Matter" by Don C. Richter, Upper Room Books.

On-Site Reflection: "Meeting God in the Ruins: Devotions for Disaster Volunteers" Copies will be provided at group housing site. Additional free copies may be ordered from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by calling 800.638.3522 ext. 2580. (ISBN: 6-0001-6788-1); pay shipping only.

Follow up Action: Help your local community prepare for possible disaster and response, be sure your local congregation has a plan in case of a local disaster and get to know your UCC Conference Disaster Coordinator and stay involved.

Time: Long Term recovery work continues in 2014. Arrive Sunday afternoon and depart Saturday morning.
Work Monday – Friday.

Group Size: Maximum 15

Minimum Age: 16 years. Volunteers under age 18 have specific waiver forms requiring parent/guardian signature.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:4.

Accommodations: A house in Little Ferry is used for volunteer groups. The house holds 30 people at maximum, has two bathrooms and two kitchens. Groups bring their own bedding and prepare their own meals. Other accommodations may be available. UCC Registrar will make arrangements for your group upon receiving your on-line registration. Bathrooms, showers and access to kitchen facilities and utensils are available.

Cost: \$100.00 per person per week (\$20.00 per night) for housing. Costs for building materials and tools and construction supervision provided through local partners and long term recovery committee. Your donations to *One Great Hour of Sharing*® help make possible the local work of the Long-Term Recovery Committee and partners.

Fuller Center for Housing (New Jersey Pines)

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Americus, GA 31917

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Phone: 229.294.2900 *Fax: 229.924.2901

Website: <http://fullercenter.org/amicus>

Register on-line:

<http://fullercenter.org/usbuildteams/register?q=student-builders/builder-teams/register>

The Fuller Center for Housing faith-driven and Christ-centered, promotes collaborative and innovative partnerships with individuals and organizations in an unrelenting quest to provide adequate shelter for all people in need worldwide.

Projects/Focus: Building new and repairing existing homes working with families in need. The exact projects will be determined close to group arrival and based upon the progress of previous accomplishments of our volunteers and available resources.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Each group will receive an orientation about the community they will be serving. This will include a discussion about poverty housing in the area, and the economic benefit of our "hand up-not a handout" approach to charity and how this builds a Fund for Humanity recycling homeowner payments to serve other people in need in the community. Churches do mission work by empowering the people they serve.

Time: All year. Monday – Friday groups. Weekend groups are a possibility (please call). Work hours: 8:30 – 4:30 Monday – Saturday.

Group Size: 1-30

Minimum Age: 16+ years

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Four local churches in beautiful shore settings. New Jersey Pines is proud to be a partner with the Presbyterian Disaster West Jersey Presbytery, Margate Community UCC Church and Linwood Community Church for housing. Groups provide their own meals.

Cost: \$160 per person.

NEW MEXICO

Menaul School (Albuquerque)

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Menaul School is located on a spacious 30-acre campus in the heart of Albuquerque. The school serves young people of all faith background, grades 6 through 12 – boarding and day students, both international and domestic. The School was founded in 1896 by Presbyterian minister Rev. James A. Menaul. It was originally a Presbyterian mission boarding school for Spanish-speaking boys from northern New Mexico. Menaul School, now independent of the Presbyterian Church (USA) remains grounded in the reformed Christian tradition and has gained a reputation for producing young people with excellent values, ethics, and moral character.

Projects/Focus: *Menaul School* welcomes church groups to campus for support of the campus. Work project possibilities include: cleaning, remodeling, maintenance, painting, tree trimming, building, landscaping, stuccoing.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Groups leaders are responsible for the group's programming. Students at Menaul School experience a commitment to the development of excellence, confidence, and integrity that are the foundation for life-long learning and ethical leadership.

Time: Summer.

Group Size: 6-60

Minimum Age: No minimum age.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:6

Accommodations: Menaul School provides lodging for the group at no charge. The facilities include 2 kitchens and a laundry room. Group is responsible for own food (purchase and preparation). Menaul School can assist with transportation from airport and for sightseeing.

Cost: Recommended that the group purchase some of the supplies or building materials used during their mission week. Cost of fuel and meals if using Menaul School transportation. No charge for lodging.

NEW YORK

Cluster 13, Inc. (Camden)

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Cluster 13, Inc. helps people maintain safe, warm and dry homes and to avoid displacement by old age, disability or major economic problems. Cluster 13 is a group of small rural churches.

Projects/Focus: Building, renovation, and repair of homes for those with unmet housing needs - mostly rural or county areas. Roofing, electrical, plumbing, and structural work on projects we select and supervise. Participants with some construction skills are helpful.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Group leaders responsible for own programming.

Time: Work is June–August. Housing for groups is available late June through August.

Group Size: 10–35 per group.

Minimum Age: 16 preferred. Junior high school aged participants will have more limited work projects available.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5. Adult supervision required.

Accommodations: Groups are housed in a school gymnasium with showers or at a local church. Group brings own sleeping bags. Church services are available at sponsoring churches.

Cost: Donation of at least \$100 per person in group helps pay for the project materials. Cluster 13 provides welcome dinner and one evening picnic. Groups are responsible for other meals.

Habitat for Humanity (Buffalo)

Contact: Kevin Scherf
995 Kensington Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14215
Phone: 716.204.0740

E-mail: execdirector@habitatbuffalo.org

Website: www.habitatbuffalo.org

Habitat for Humanity of Buffalo establishes partnerships among God's people to give a helping hand to families who otherwise would be unable to achieve their dream of ownership of a simple decent house in a safe environment.

Projects/Focus: Construction of rehab sites in the city of Buffalo, in partnership with lower income families. Volunteers will be assigned interior or exterior tasks depending on the stage of the

building process, weather and other factors. Tasks can range from gutting and general carpentry tasks, to drywall installation, drywall finishing, painting and trim work. Vinyl siding occurs as well.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Project provides safety instruction, orientation, local information, site supervision, materials and supplies. Group leaders provide own programming. Habitat for Humanity Youth Advocacy Toolkit related to poverty and affordable housing available at www.habitat.org/youthprograms/ages_14_25/YouthAdvocacyToolkit.pdf.

Time: Work times are available year round. Book early to get the week that best suits your group. Weeks in June, July, or August are suggested.

Group Size: Up to 20-25.

Minimum Age: 16

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Low cost housing is available at a local college in the summer and year round at two retreat centers. These accommodations need to be booked as early as possible.

Cost: A suggested donation of \$100 per person/week will assist in this housing ministry.

Disaster Recovery (Queens, New York City) with New York Cares

Contact: Judy Moore, UCC Disaster Ministries' Registrar for Hurricane Sandy Recovery

Email: jmooreucc@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/disaster-recovery-volunteers/hurricane-sandy-recovery-1.html>

The Disaster Event: In October 2012, Hurricane Sandy devastated the Rockaway Peninsula, informally known as "The Rockaways," is the name of a peninsula of Long Island, all of which is located within the New York City borough of Queens. The Rockaways has been a popular summer resort area since the 1830s and is now a mixture of lower, middle, and upper-income neighborhoods.

Projects/Focus: New York Cares has coordinated service projects for groups and individuals in New York City since the 1990s. Current projects include Hurricane Sandy clean-up such as muck-out, mold remediation and donation sorting. If Hurricane Sandy-related projects are not available, groups may be assigned to non-disaster-related projects with a focus on environmental sustainability or direct social service. Disaster recovery projects are given priority assignments, but groups at this site CANNOT be guaranteed disaster-related projects. Other projects aid the on-going wellbeing of the community as a whole. *Volunteers serving through this partnership also will NOT be engaged in home repair/rebuilding..*

Educational/Advocacy Components

Preparation for the trip - Orientation: Digital Orientation for each individual in group REQUIRED by New York Cares before assignment to project. Log in information will be provided to group leader by UCC Registrar, Judy Moore. **Digital orientation must be completed at least four weeks before time of service.**

On-Site Reflection: "Meeting God in the Ruins: Devotions for Disaster Volunteers" Copies will be provided at group housing site. Additional free copies may be ordered from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by calling 800.638.3522 ext. 2580. (ISBN: 6-0001-6788-1); pay shipping only.

Follow up Action: Help your local community prepare for possible disaster and response, be sure your local congregation has a plan in case of a local disaster and get to know your UCC Conference Disaster Coordinator and stay involved.

Time: Long Term recovery work continues in 2013. Arrive Sunday afternoon and depart Saturday morning. Work Monday – Friday.

Group Size: 15

Minimum Age: 18

Accommodations: Housing provided at local UCC Church. Registrar will arrange housing for your group following your on-line registration. Groups bring own blankets and/or sleeping bags, towels and food. Bathrooms, showers, and access to laundry and kitchen facilities and utensils are available.

Cost: \$50.00 per person per week to the host church providing accommodations to help offset costs of utilities and maintenance.

Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries (New York)

Contact: Robert Brunson
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New York, NY 10018

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Phone: 212.594.4464 * Fax: 212.594.7494

Website: www.MBCnyc.org & www.RMMnyc.org



Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries serves as the social ministry arm of Metro Baptist Church. Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries coordinates twelve on-going community programs, including among others: after-school program, Summer day camp, teen center, food pantry, English-as-a-Second-Language classes, and winter clothes closet. Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries (RMM) seeks to uplift and empower the neighborhood of "Hell's Kitchen" by offering direct services and educational opportunities, which encourage and enable other personal and community growth. RMM seeks to initiate a renewal of cooperative vision for social ministry in New York City and in urban centers throughout the United States. Metro Baptist Church is part of the Alliance of Baptists.

Projects/Focus: The service opportunities in the urban

immersion program include volunteering at area soup kitchens, food pantries and after-school programs, learning about gang interventions in Brooklyn and touring some of America's oldest churches.

Educational/Advocacy Components: The Urban Immersion program offers groups the opportunity to learn, listen and serve alongside one another in the heart of New York City. The goal is to challenge participants to ask difficult questions and explore together how faith fits into this experience. RMM and Metro staff lead all sessions and debriefing during the group's stay. Group leaders are welcome to take part in leading these sessions. RMM coordinates volunteer opportunities and informational sessions with other organizations taking part in justice work in the city.

Time: One week trips booked January – June; August – December.

Group Size: 15-25.

Minimum Age: 15 years

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:10

Accommodations: Fourth floor of the church. A large dorm room has 18 beds and a small dorm room as 10 beds. Groups bring their own bed linens. Housing space includes a communal shower room and bathroom. Groups have access to the kitchen in the basement fellowship hall. A mission team lounge includes couches and a computer for the group's use. Be advised that there is no elevator.

Cost: One week: \$3,750 for 15 participants or less with \$250 for each additional participant. The cost for trips of other lengths can be negotiated.

Project Hospitality, Inc. (Staten Island)

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Staten Island, NY 10302

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Website: www.projecthospitality.org



Project Hospitality is an interfaith effort to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and care for people with HIV/AIDS. **Faith in Action** is the educational mission program of Project Hospitality.

Projects/Focus: Groups will have the opportunity to serve in a soup kitchen and food pantry, assist with cleaning, repair, and painting of homes, prepare meals and help in the clothing pantry at our outreach center. Groups help in many ways at our emergency, transitional, and family shelters, and meet and talk with people who have experienced homelessness and hunger.

Educational/Advocacy Components: The orientation program includes a history of poverty, homelessness and HIV/AIDS in New York City and the community's response to it. There is conversation about current issues and solutions in which Project Hospitality is involved. Throughout the week groups participate

in two educational seminars, one on homelessness and the other on HIV/AIDS. Clients having dealt with these issues share personal testimonies. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and continue the discussion upon returning home. Resources and ideas for follow-up on hunger, homelessness, mental illness, living with HIV/AIDS at www.projecthospitality.org under "Issues and Public Policy." Worship, scripture sharing and theology reflection are integral to the on-site and follow-up experience.

Time: Weeklong mission programs are available year-round. The program runs from Sunday evening until Saturday morning. Please call for a registration packet.

Group Size: Maximum of 20 people per group.

Minimum Age: Youth must have completed ninth grade. High school, college, adult and inter-generational groups welcome.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5, including a minimum of two adults. Entire group must include 2 adults.

Accommodations: Housing at a local church or home and food for your meals will be provided by Project Hospitality. Each participant should bring a sleeping bag, clothing for work and play, and an open mind!

Cost: Total cost is \$150 per person for a weeklong trip. From this amount, a \$150 registration deposit for the group (non-refundable) is required in advance.

Youth Service Opportunities Project [YSOP] **(New York)**

Contact: Lisa Gesson, National Program Director
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New York, NY 10003



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Phone: 212.598.0973 ext. 100

Website: www.ysop.org & www.ysop.org/photogallery.htm

YSOP is committed to helping young people become part of the solution to societal problems by showing them how even their smallest actions can make a difference.

Projects/Focus: Volunteers work with a variety of organizations in New York City and Washington D.C. Sites include direct and indirect service at soup kitchens, food and clothing banks, transitional shelters, and other agencies serving people in need.

Educational/Advocacy Components: By combining meaningful volunteer work with an educational, service learning component YSOPers provide vital services to people in need and at the same time are able to reflect on their experience and broaden their perspectives. YSOP staff provide an orientation at the beginning of the program and reflections after each period of service. During weeklong and overnight programs, volunteers cook, serve and share in a meal with homeless and hungry guests one evening during the week. Guest speakers offered during weeklong and overnight programs and upon request.

See also YSOP in District of Columbia and Philadelphia.

Time: Daylong, overnight, and weeklong mission trips are available.

Group Size: 12-20; group size varies depending on program. Maximum number in a group: 100 (for large groups, please allow up to one year for planning).

Minimum Age: 13

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Simple accommodations in the Friends Meeting House are provided (bring own sleeping bags). Food, supervision by YSOP staff, orientation, and education/reflection programs are included. No TVs, radios, music players, alcohol, nonprescription drugs, or smoking. Weeklong mission trips include time for recreations and sightseeing.

Cost: Depends on program type. Please call for fees.

NORTH CAROLINA

Appalachia Service Project, Inc.

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Johnson City, TN 37601

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Website: www.asphome.org



The **Appalachia Service Project** repairs homes for the poorest families in central Appalachia with the vision that standard housing in central Appalachia might be eradicated and everyone who comes into contact with this ministry will be transformed.

Projects/Focus: ASP is a relational ministry that repairs homes for low-income families throughout central Appalachia (Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina). The goal is to make homes 'warmer, safer and drier.'

Locations: Opportunities are available in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. All locations are scheduled by ASP National Offices via above information.

Franklinton Center at Bricks (Whitakers)

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Whitakers, NC 27891

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Email: franklintonCenter@ucc.org or
allend@ucc.org

Website: www.ucc.org/franklinton-center

The Franklinton Center at Bricks is a conference, retreat, and educational facility in eastern North Carolina with a focus on

justice advocacy and leadership development. It is one of the Centers for Education and Social Transformation of Justice and Witness Ministries in the national UCC setting.

Projects/Focus: Building and grounds maintenance – painting and cleaning buildings, repairing structures, and grounds work. Opportunities to work among rural people in areas such as health and education also can be arranged.

Educational Advocacy Components: As a former plantation, the FCAB traces its beginnings to the founding of the Franklinton Christian College in 1871, and the Congregationalist Bricks School in 1895. A merger in the 1950's formed FCAB which is related to the United Church of Christ and managed and staffed by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. The FCAB continues to play a significant role in the education and nurture of church leaders, justice advocates, young people, and community leaders. Fundamental concerns such as rural justice, community development, environmental racism and workers' rights are woven into the programmatic focus of this national church facility. A variety of events are located at Franklinton Center. A listing of 2011-2012 events can be found at www.ucc.org/franklinton-center/events.html

Time: Spring through fall.

Group Size: any size up to 50 people.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Lodging is dorm style at the Center. Motel type lodging available on site at a higher cost.* Prayer trails, outdoor chapel, walks and rides to the nearby river (bring your fishing pole) and serene grounds are available for use. There's more than enough space (over 250 acres) for games such as soccer, volleyball and softball. In season, you & your group can swim in the large outdoor pool.

Cost: \$30.00 for meals and lodging per night; negotiable.

Fuller Center for Housing (Kinston)

Contact: Sharon Tarver, Registrar for U.S. Builds
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Americus, GA 31917

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Phone: 229.294.2900 *Fax: 229.924.2901

Website: <http://fullercenter.org/amicus>

Register on-line:

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Projects/Focus: Building new and repairing existing homes working with families in need. The exact projects will be determined close to group arrival and based upon the progress of previous accomplishments of our volunteers and available resources.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Each group will receive an orientation about the community they will be serving. This will include a discussion about poverty housing in the area, and the economic benefit of our "hand up-not a handout" approach to charity and how this builds a Fund for Humanity recycling homeowner payments to serve other people in need in the community. Churches do mission work by empowering the people they serve.

Time: Spring, Summer

Group Size: 10-50

Minimum Age: 13 + years

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Camp facility or local churches. Some meals will be provided. Team will prepare most of their own meals.

Cost: \$160 per person.

Harvest of Hope (Charlotte & Durham)

Contact: www.endhunger.org

Phone: 800.333.4597



See listing for National Headquarters under Virginia.

Projects/Focus: Participants glean nutritious produce from farmers' fields and orchards after harvest. This food, instead of being left behind to rot, is delivered to those in need through programs such as local food banks and soup kitchens. Harvest of Hope is a national gleaning network.

Harvest of Hope regional offices are located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The national office is located in Big Island, Virginia.

Johns River Valley Camp (Blowing Rock)

Contact: Rev. C.L. "Curly" Stumb

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Blowing Rock, NC 28605

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Collettsville, NC 28611

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Website: www.jrvc.org



Johns River Valley Camp (JRVC) hosts an outdoor ministry site of the Southern Conference United Church of Christ. JRVC is an accredited camp of the American Camp Association. JRVC hosts 150-200 campers during the summer. Retreats and groups occur throughout the year.

Projects/Focus: The JRVC program has identified a cross-section of needs where campers - with hands-on encounters- can address housing, food, clothing and environmental issues. Projects include house painting and repair, working in thrift shops, food pantries, and F.A.R.M. Café (Feed Regardless of

Means), helping elderly neighbors with lawn care, building trails, restoring animal habitats and performing river clean-ups.

Educational /Advocacy Components: JRVC camp staff (along with work camp team leaders) offer oversight and direction in guiding the project experience, and help provide reflective prompting toward discoveries from the work encounter. In addition to the project focus areas listed above, which center around both human needs and environmental issues, the JRVC program incorporates a faith development component. The "NEW EARTH Christian Resources for the Outdoors" offers a curriculum foundation for the week. This material is designed and published in an ecumenical partnership that includes the United Church of Christ. In 2014, utilizing the curriculum "Get Real: Finding Your True Self in Jesus," the camp experience will serve as a small-scale version of living God's creative way, and can inspire each camper to continue to grow in faith upon returning home.

Time: July 13-19, 2014. Some additional weeks are available for specific group tailored programming. Contact the camp to inquire about additional dates.

Group Size: 6-16 per youth group (total work camp session will have 30-40 people)

Minimum age: Rising 7th graders (Program is designed for youth from rising grades 7-13 (persons just graduating from high school))

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:6

Accommodations: Classic summer camp cabins sleep 8-10 persons. Cabins are clustered around two separate bathhouses similar to facilities found in a camper travel park. The camp also has one handicap accessible cabin with bath facilities. The bathhouses, dining hall, and various other program spaces are also accessible. Adults not functioning as cabin counselors have an option of lodging in modern "Boger Site" rooms that are part of the camp's newer 40-bed year-round retreat facility.

Cost: \$410 per youth camper; no charge for adults within the prescribed 1:6 adult/youth ratio.

NORTH DAKOTA

Disaster Recovery (Minot)

**with Souris Valley Long Term Recovery Committee
Housing at Congregational UCC, Minot, ND**

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The Disaster Event: The unprecedented flood waters left over 4,000 homes unlivable and displaced over 12,000 residents. Flood protection built after a flood in 1969 was thought to protect many homes, but water covered their rooftops in 2011. Of the 4,000+ homes damaged, less than 400 had flood

insurance. The flood water stayed longer than any other flood in US history.

Projects/Focus: Long-Term Disaster recovery from summer 2011 flood. Projects include debris removal, power washing and sanitization, demolition of interior and/or exterior building structures, building repairs such as porches, steps, ramps, structural damage, and the rebuilding construction of homes.

Educational/Advocacy Components:

Preparation for the trip: "Mission Trips That Matter" by Don C. Richter, Upper Room Books.

On-Site Reflection: "Meeting God in the Ruins – Devotions for Disaster Relief Volunteers." Free copies may be ordered from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by calling 800.328.4648 (ISBN 6-0001-6788-1); pay shipping only. Group leaders are responsible for coordinating these sessions.

Follow-Up Action: Help your local community prepare for possible disaster and response. Be sure your local congregation has a plan in case of local disaster. Get to know your UCC Conference Disaster Coordinator and stay involved.

Time: Recovery work to continue through 2013. Arrive Sunday evening and depart by Saturday morning.

Group Size: 20 – check with registrar on availability of a particular week for a larger group

Minimum Age: 16 years.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Housing provided by Congregational UCC, Minot. Bathrooms, showers, access to kitchen facilities and utensils available. Laundromat available nearby. If UCC is booked, the registrar may arrange for groups to stay at Hope Village.

Cost: \$50 per person per week to cover utilities for hosting church.

Costs for building materials and tools, and construction supervision provided through the local Souris Valley (includes Minot) Long-Term Recovery Committee. Your donations to UCC *One Great Hour of Sharing*®, and the UCC 2011 Spring Storms Appeal, help make the local work for the Long-Term Recovery Committee and to provide this opportunity for groups to serve.

OHIO

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Projects/Focus: Work retreats September through May are

involved in service projects on Good Works' properties and in the community. Summer service runs June through August each year, providing groups with intensive discipleship, educational service initiatives and relational opportunities with people struggling with poverty.

Educational/Advocacy Components:

Summer Service: Each group will get an orientation after they arrive and we lead a morning devotional/educational time that focuses on issues of poverty and the Good Works Philosophy of Ministry. The Executive Director will also do a presentation talk with each group. During the rest of the year it depends on how long a group is with us, but we will do an educational devotional and brief orientation as time allows.

Time: Work retreats September – May: One-Day (8:30- 12; 8:30-4:00), Weekend, Week-Long; Summer Service June – August: Arrive Sunday 7:00, leave Saturday 10:00.

Group Size: Groups from 5 to 30 depending on the service project and season.

Minimum Age: Junior High and older

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:4

Accommodations: Groups stay in two large rooms in Hannah House (transitional housing facility).

Groups supply their own bedding, and food. Kitchen and pantry facilities are available.

Cost: Work Retreat Requested Donations:
One-Day – none requested but always welcome.
Weekend - \$100 deposit; \$20 per person per night
Weeklong - \$15 deposit; \$20 per person per night
Summer Service - \$3,000 for a group of 15

Hiram Farm Living & Learning Community **(Hiram)**

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Hiram Farm is an organic farm and community project that provides opportunities for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to grow, learn, work and live in a setting focused on respect and support for individuals and the environment.

Projects/Focus: Volunteers help with gardening, afternoon livestock chores, light and skilled construction projects (based on skill and need).

Educational/Advocacy Components: Day and evening education and reflection programs are available with Farm and Hiram College staff on topics of Autism and organic farming.

Programming must be arranged ahead of time with Hiram Farm staff.

Time: Weeklong groups: May - July
Weekend groups, all year round on a limited basis

Group Size: Maximum 20 people

Minimum Age: 16 years old for groups Monday – Friday. 14 years old for groups visiting on weekends.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:6

Accommodations: College dorm facilities are available at \$15/person, per night at Hiram College. There is no AC available at the college. Programming space is available adjacent to the church kitchen most evenings. Food is not included, but a large kitchen space and dining room is available for breakfasts and dinners. Groceries can be brought or purchased locally to store in the fridge.

Cost: A 5-night stay at the Hiram College dorms will cost \$75. The farm requests a \$25 donation to cover the cost of materials and additional staff time to plan mission group projects. An average 5-night stay would cost \$100 per person.

Washington United Church of Christ (Cincinnati)

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Washington UCC, with neighbors in the area of Cincinnati seek to create a community that is safe and clean, where people have enough food, decent housing, opportunities for education and work, and live in an environment that nurtures all families. Washington United Church of Christ's mission is to help make that vision reality by doing what Jesus taught – to minister together with our neighbors in ways that improve lives physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Projects/Focus: Mission trips are experiences of worship and service. Experiences include simple construction, maintenance, street feasts, and work with neighborhood children and elders.

Educational/Advocacy Components:

Evening worship services are geared toward teaching about the neighborhood and reflecting on shared experiences.

Time: Any age group year-round. Intensive opportunities during 9 weeks of summer.

Group Size: 10 to 35, negotiable.

Minimum Age: No minimum age, but junior and senior high school and adult age preferred.

Adult to Youth Ratio: Senior High youth - 1:5; Junior High youth - 1:3

Accommodations: Housing in church guesthouse and apartments with bunks. Full kitchen, dining, and shower facilities provided. Meals included in cost. Summer evening meals are cooked by work group.

Cost: \$35 per person for weekend groups; \$200 per person for weeklong groups. As groups express interest, they are mailed information. Reservations are secured by submitting a deposit (\$50 per person for weeklong camp; no deposit for weekend groups). Sign up early for summer to assure availability.

OKLAHOMA

Disaster Recovery (Moore, Oklahoma City)

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The Disaster Event: Ten tornadoes moved through central Oklahoma between May 19th and June 2nd of 2013. The May 20th tornado that struck the heavily populated town of Moore was categorized as EF5. The tornado was 1.3 miles (2.1 km) wide at its peak. It stayed on the ground for 39 minutes over a 17-mile (27 km) path. Deaths resulted and property damage was widespread.

Projects/Focus: Long-Term Disaster recovery from Oklahoma Tornadoes of May-June 2013. Projects include home rebuilding.

Educational/Advocacy Components

Preparation for the trip: "Mission Trips That Matter" by Don C. Richter, Upper Room Books.

On-Site Reflection: "Meeting God in the Ruins: Devotions for Disaster Volunteers" Copies will be provided at group housing site. Additional free copies may be ordered from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by calling 800.638.3522 ext. 2580. (ISBN: 6-0001-6788-1); pay shipping only.

Follow up Action: Help your local community prepare for possible disaster and response, be sure your local congregation has a plan in case of a local disaster and get to know your UCC Conference Disaster Coordinator and stay involved.

Time: Long Term recovery work begins in March 2014. Arrive Sunday afternoon and depart Saturday morning. Work Monday – Friday.

Minimum Age: 16 years. Volunteers under age 18 have specific waiver forms requiring parent/guardian signature.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5.

Accommodations: Housing provided in local United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations for groups under 15. UCC Registrar will make arrangements for your group upon receiving your on-line registration. Bathrooms, showers and access to kitchen facilities and utensils are available.

Cost: \$75.00 per person per week to offset costs related to organizing and housing groups. Costs for building materials and tools and construction supervision provided through case management system of local long-term recovery committee. Your donations to *One Great Hour of Sharing*® help make possible the local work of the Long-Term Recovery Committee.

OREGON **JOIN (Portland)**

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JOIN exists to support the efforts of homeless individuals and families to transition out of homelessness into permanent housing. Efforts are directed at individuals sleeping outside or in their car in the Portland Metro area. Service provision is not dependent on age, gender, ethnicity, sexual identity, specific diagnosis, or identifiable issue.

Projects/Focus: Participants will go on an intensive immersion focused on learning about homelessness and social injustice in Portland, OR. This is done through living in solidarity with people on the streets, sharing meals with them, and taking tours to homeless camps. The nights will be spent reflecting and processing what was experienced during the day. Participants will leave the weekend with an understanding of the struggles people sleeping outside combat, as well as the knowledge of how to better help the homeless community.

Educational/Advocacy Components: JOIN staff leads the majority of the programming, as well as a few formerly homeless individuals helping with certain aspects of the weekend. The immersion coordinator has a variety of resources on hand to facilitate large and small group reflection time, including a church service, the two feet of social justice, role playing, and the opportunity for Q&A with people experiencing homelessness.

Time: Any weekend (Friday – Sunday) January through December. Application deadline – at least 3 months before the requested weekend.

Group Size: Minimum – 10; maximum - 15.

Minimum Age: 15

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:4

Accommodations: Participants are given 3 meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. In the spirit of solidarity, participants will sleep on the floor of JOIN's office.

Cost: \$45 per person

Sanctuary One (Jacksonville)

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Sanctuary One is a "Care Farm" located on 55 acres in the Applegate Valley of southern Oregon. Care farming is the therapeutic use of farming practices. **Sanctuary One** demonstrates how farming for health can be an inexpensive, natural, and effective means of healing people; how animals can be treated humanely and honored for their intrinsic physical and spiritual value; and how the environment that sustains us all can be steadily improved through organic and permaculture-inspired farming practices. This is a working farm, involved in the ethics of sustainable living, and providing a safe, loving home to rescued farm animals and house pets.

Projects/Focus: Animal care includes cleaning dog/cat cottages, mucking pastures, exercising, socializing and grooming animals, cleaning water troughs, moving hay, and other animal care activities. Earth care activities might include helping package farm products such as flower bouquets, lima beans, and other products. Special projects might include painting and/or white washing buildings, collecting rocks for various uses, planting trees, building fences, clearing brush, or building trails.

Educational/Advocacy Components: The entire program at Sanctuary One is focused on what it means to take care of each other, to understand and practice taking care of animals and to be good stewards of the land. "Care Farming" (also known as Green Care) is well-established in Europe, but is a relatively new concept in the USA. The education program promotes environmental literacy (an individual's understanding, skills and motivation to make responsible decisions that consider his or her relationships to nature, animals, the community, and future generations.)

Time: Any time of year. Opportunities are on-going. Call or email for application.

Group Size: Up to 20.

Minimum Age: 12 years

Adult to Youth Ratio: Depends on group. Minimum 1:6

Accommodations: Depending on the size and length of stay, camping on site is a possibility. Most likely, groups will need to camp at local campgrounds..

Cost: \$10 per day per person with \$100 minimum per group.

PENNSYLVANIA

Habitat for Humanity (York)

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Habitat for Humanity, York works in partnership with God and people from all walks of life to build and renovate houses, so that there are decent houses in decent communities where people can experience God's love and grow into all that God intends.

Projects/Focus: York Habitat builds new homes and rehabilitates older homes for those in need. We need help with painting, installing drywall, carpentry work, plumbing, electrical work, roofing, masonry and concrete work, cleaning, and every aspect of home building and renovation. Both skilled labor and fast learners welcome. Work required for all types of projects depending on construction schedule.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Hands-on learning of various construction skills. Group leaders responsible for own programming. Habitat for Humanity Youth Advocacy Toolkit related to poverty and affordable housing available at www.habitat.org/youthprograms/ages_14_25/YouthAdvocacyToolkit.pdf.

Time: Year-round.

Group Size: 10-15 people

Minimum Age: 16 years.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:4

Accommodations: Housing is at the Trinity Retreat Center which includes a fully-equipped kitchenette, and showers. Groups bring sleeping bags and prepare their own food.

Cost: \$125 per person for the week. A \$50 deposit for the group is required to reserve the Center.

Old First Reformed Church UCC (Philadelphia)

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Old First Reformed UCC welcomes groups for urban-immersion-learning experiences in the city of Philadelphia.

Projects/Focus: Service campers learn the challenges facing the city and the joys and rewards of hands-on work in agencies that

are making a difference in our city. Service campers also learn to experience some of what life might be like for our disadvantaged neighbors: relying on public transportation and sleeping communally in a shelter-like setting. Service campers volunteer at social service sites including Wellspring's own homeless shelter, food & clothing cupboard as well as other sites across Philadelphia such as the Whosoever Gospel Mission, Sunday Breakfast Mission, MANNA, and Broad Street Ministry.

Educational/Advocacy Components:

Volunteer coordinator on-site helps direct group to work projects and assists in reflection on the experience during the week.

Time: Year-round.

Group Size: 15 maximum, November – April; 30 maximum other times of year.

Minimum Age: 12 years

Adult to Youth Ratio: Prefer the adult to youth ratio to be 1:4.

Accommodations: Lodging is provided in the church; showers available. Group must bring bedding. Group must provide and prepare own meals. Kitchen and cooking utensils are available.

Adult leadership is necessary. Sightseeing and educational opportunities at museums within walking distance of church.

Cost: Lodging: Weekend Fee: flat rate of \$65 per participant. **Weeklong Fee:** flat rate \$175 per participant. (A non-refundable deposit of \$175 for weekend camps and \$50 per participant for weeklong camps is necessary to secure dates. This amount will be deducted from the overall cost if the reservation is kept. Upon cancellation, the deposit will be retained by Old First.)

The Pittsburgh Project (Pittsburgh)

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The Pittsburgh Project seeks to develop servant leaders and uphold the dignity of vulnerable homeowners. It coordinates after school and summer programs for urban young people and performs home repairs for Pittsburgh's elderly homeowners. The Pittsburgh Project spearheads economic development and job training efforts in surrounding neighborhoods.

Projects/Focus: Crazy cobblestone streets and soaring steel bridges connect neighborhoods dotted with elderly, isolated residents who need help now. Your group will spend time rebuilding their homes. You'll bear witness to God's great love and you'll see God in action throughout your visit.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Staff provides nightly programming, worship and music, initiative games, small group leadership, meals, and work assignments. Staff leads discussion

groups in which teams learn about the city, learn about the homeowners they are serving, and brainstorm strategic action that they might take once they return home, to serve their own neighborhoods and cities.

Time: One-day, weekend, and weeklong camp sessions scheduled throughout the summer and school year.

Group Size: Up to 280 total participants for weeklong trips or weekends; group size varies from under 5 to 80 people per group.

Minimum Age: Some camps are for junior high students (grades 7-9); some are for senior high students (grades 9-12); some are combined junior/senior high, and others are collegians, adults or families (minimum age of children is 10 years).

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Meals, lodging, construction materials, and tools provided. Pittsburgh Project establishes contact with homeowners, sets up the worksites ahead of time, and provides technical guidance on site. Staff members train participants in safety guidelines and lead nightly worship. Group provides vehicles and adult (21+) worksite leaders.

Cost: One day camp (\$30 per person); weekend camp (\$110 per person); summer camp (\$290-\$380 per person); custom trip (price varies).

Youth Service Opportunities Project **(Philadelphia)**

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YSOP is committed to helping young people become part of the solution to societal problems by showing them how even their smallest actions can make a difference in the lives of others. YSOP has been a pioneer in the field of service, encouraging community participation and engaged citizenship through direct service to homeless and hungry people.

Projects/Focus: Volunteers work with a variety of organizations in the city. Sites include direct and indirect service at soup kitchens, food and clothing banks, transitional shelters, and other agencies serving people in need.

Educational/Advocacy Components: By combining meaningful volunteer work with a communal living and learning program, YSOPers provide vital services to people in need and at the same time are able to reflect on their experience and broaden their perspectives. YSOP staff provide an orientation at the beginning of the program and reflections after each period of service. During weeklong and overnight programs, volunteers cook, serve and share in a meal with homeless and hungry guests one evening during week. Guest speakers offered during weeklong

and overnight programs and upon request. Weeklong mission trips include time for recreation and sightseeing.

Time: Daylong, overnight and weeklong mission trips are offered. Please call for availability.

Group Size: 12-20 minimum; group size varies depending on program.

Minimum Age: 14 years

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Participants stay at a local hostel or church, please call YSOP for recommendations. Food, supervision by YSOP staff, orientation, and education/reflection programs are included. No TVs, radios, music players, alcohol, nonprescription drugs, or smoking.

Cost: Depends on program type. Please call for fees.

RHODE ISLAND

Providence Experience **(Northwestern Rhode Island)**

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Providence Experience is a ministry of the Rhode Island Conference, UCC. The experience offers housing at Irons Homestead Camp and Retreat Center and a variety of service projects around the state of Rhode Island.

Projects/Focus: The Providence Experience coordinates work with local human service agencies so the experience of each group can be tailor made. Staff provide you with a contact list and let you connect with the organizations that best fit your mission focus. Or for an additional fee, staff can set up the work week for you. On-site projects are available at Irons Homestead, too.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Many service partners provide orientation and education about their specific ministry. Other educational opportunities are available upon request or your group leader can do their own programming.

Time: Year Round availability. From 2-nights to a full week. Preferred time is Sunday evening to Friday morning but most schedules can be accommodated.

Group Size: 10-35.

Minimum Age: Junior high. Family groups welcome. (Some service sites require a minimum age of 16 years)

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:6 Minimum of 2 adults over 21 years.

Accommodations: Overnight accommodations are in the modern four-season Lodge at Irons Homestead which includes: fully equipped kitchen, screened in porch, meeting room with fireplace, private showers, campfire ring, wooded trails, waterfront, and recreation fields. Nine bedrooms, each with a sink and 1 or 2 bunk beds (8 double beds and 22 twins) can accommodate up to 38 people. You supply your own food and bedding.

Cost: \$125 base fee plus \$18 per person per night for the use of Irons Homestead facilities. Plus any programming/educational fees.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Fuller Center for Housing (Spartanburg)

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Register on-line:

<http://fullercenter.org/usbuildteams/register?q=student-builders/builder-teams/register>

The Fuller Center for Housing faith-driven and Christ-centered, promotes collaborative and innovative partnerships with individuals and organizations in an unrelenting quest to provide adequate shelter for all people in need worldwide.

Projects/Focus: Building new and repairing existing homes working with families in need. The exact projects will be determined close to group arrival and based upon the progress of previous accomplishments of our volunteers and available resources.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Each group will receive an orientation about the community they will be serving. This will include a discussion about poverty housing in the area, and the economic benefit of our "hand up-not a handout" approach to charity and how this builds a Fund for Humanity recycling homeowner payments to serve other people in need in the community. Churches do mission work by empowering the people they serve.

Time: All year. Work Week: Monday - Friday

Group Size: 5-30

Minimum Age: 15+ years

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Local churches with access to kitchen and shower at a local campground or YMCA. All lunches and two dinners will be provided. Team will prepare all other meals.

Cost: \$160 per person.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Ponca Creek UCC

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Herrick Elevator: Helps people experience stories, places and people of historical Lakota in order to understand social, cultural and economic complexities of Lakota life today. The Great Sioux Nation existed in this location 107 years ago and continues living in the area. Speakers from the Rosebud Sioux nation accompany visiting groups. Through cultural exchange and service-learning opportunities, program coordinators encourage greater participation in and appreciation for the community traditions of the Rosebud Sioux, including Milk's Camp Community.

Projects/Focus: Two itineraries suggested.

- 1) Stay at Herrick, SD in renovated historic grain elevator. Engage in immersion experiences of day-long journeys to the Rosebud Sioux Reservation and the Lakota community of Milk's Camp. Service-learning projects can be arranged by program coordinator with the local Lakota community. Projects might include cemetery upkeep for Milk's Camp Community (a community of the Rosebud Sioux). Projects might also include clean up and repairs for the Episcopal church set in place in 1903 by Chief Milk's children; or for the UCC church's recreation center and cabin construction.
- 2) South Dakota Lakota Pilgrimage. Immersion experiences with Rosebud Sioux, including Milk's Camp Community – 2 days. Journey west to Pine Ridge Reservation, Wounded Knee Monument, geographic Badlands, and Mount Rushmore – 3 days. Return to Herrick for reflection, integration, and advocacy planning – 1-2 days.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Groups are immersed in shared Native and European American history, including integral issues of justice. Practice cross-cultural communication. Accept the invitation of local community to a Pow-Wow. Explore how history affects the present, locally and nationally. Engage in theological reflection. Tools for learning cross-cultural competencies and advocacy are available.

Time: May through September

Group Size: 10-18 for lodging at Herrick Elevator or larger groups possible with lodging at UCC Rec. Center or Herrick Catholic Church.

Minimum Age: High School-aged

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:6 with both male and female advisors for mixed gender groups.

Accommodations: Herrick Elevator: 5 bedrooms with twin, queen and bunk beds, 3 bath/showers, fully-equipped kitchen,

and is air-conditioned. UCC Rec. Center and Herrick Catholic Church: open floor plan. Herrick Church Parsonage: 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath, seating, and full kitchen.

Cost: \$300/person for 6 nights. Transportation and food not included. Costs of service project supplies are individual to each project.

RE-MEMBER (Pine Ridge)

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Re-Member works with the Oglala Lakota Nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Volunteers participate in work projects across the Reservation, helping rebuild relationships, homes and lives.

Projects/Focus: Projects include building and installing bunk beds in the homes of Oglala Lakota families on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, outhouses, trailer skirting/steps/decks and rehabilitation and renovation of homes. The weeklong trips are divided between service and cultural immersion

Educational/Advocacy Components: Cultural immersion activities scheduled in afternoons and evenings, including guest speakers, Lakota crafts, tours, museums, and social gatherings with Lakota friends.

Time: Groups are scheduled from the last week in February (to accommodate alternative spring breaks) through the middle of October. Registration is secured on receipt of deposit and completed Trip Reservation Agreement, sent out by Trip Coordinator.

Group Size: 60 persons maximum per trip week, Memorial Day through Labor Day, with a group size cap of 20. In the spring and fall: 40 per trip week with a group size cap of 13. Subject to availability after cutoff of 2 months prior to trip date, group sizes may be increased.

Minimum Age: 12 years during Kids Weeks (2 per summer) children age 8-11 are welcomed, and special programming is provided for them.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:6

Accommodations: Dormitory-style housing with bunk beds, bathrooms, and showers. Full kitchen and dining facilities on site. Groups assist full-time kitchen staff in preparing and clean-up of

meals. All meals are provided, as is all transportation during the trip week. Shuttle service is available, at additional cost for volunteers flying into Rapid City, SD, which is approximately 90 miles away.

Cost: \$455 per person includes housing, meals and transportation from Saturday evening through Friday morning.

TENNESSEE

Appalachia Service Project, Inc. **(Johnson City)**

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Locations: Opportunities are available in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. NOTE: All locations are scheduled by ASP National Offices via above information.

The **Appalachia Service Project** repairs homes for the poorest families in central Appalachia with the vision that substandard housing in central Appalachia might be eradicated and everyone who comes into contact with this ministry will be transformed.

Projects/Focus: ASP is a relational ministry that repairs homes for low-income families throughout central Appalachia (Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina). The goal is to make homes 'warmer, safer and drier.'

Educational/Advocacy Components: Morning devotions and evening programs provided by staff. Group leader resources include Study Session with preparation skills and follow up www.asphome.org/LeaderResources.

Time: Summer - Application deadline November 1; Fall, winter, and spring workweeks or weekends available for youth and adults; apply at least two months in advance.

Group Size: 77 maximum capacity. Groups work in teams of seven persons.

Minimum Age: 14 years. Youth Programs for ages 14-18 years. Year round program available.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 2:5

Accommodations: Housing in schools, community buildings or churches on cots or sleeping bags. ASP provides meals. Each group is expected to bring a van for each work team.

Cost: Cost per volunteer per week is \$310 for the summer program. Cost for the year-round program is \$65 per person per day.

First Congregational UCC
Freedom Journey (Memphis)

Contact: Julia Hicks, Director of Mission
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Phone: 901.278.6786 ext. 3 * Fax: 901.725.8553

Freedom Journey offers youth groups and interested adults an opportunity to explore issues in peacemaking.

Projects/Focus: The city of Memphis serves as the setting to explore civil rights history, the legacy of the American Missionary Association and to see how individuals have used spiritual tools and resources to work towards peace. Our journeys offer creative opportunities to express their experiences through the arts (dance and visual arts) with our professional staff! Groups may choose to schedule this into their journey at no extra cost.

Educational/Advocacy Components:

Groups tour museum sites--the National Civil Rights Museum (constructed where Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated), Slave haven (a stopping point on the underground railroad), the WC Handy Museum on Beale Street and Auction Street (where slaves were auctioned)--to experience this history. Groups then meet and learn from the many peace and justice advocates who have offices at the church to share perspectives on justice work in our day. These include presentations from people who fight environmental racism in a nearby neighborhood, students who are part of MAGY (Memphis Area Gay Youth), and those who run the congregation's "fair trade" store. Hear how a bicycle cooperative is a tool for social change and talk to volunteers with the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center about ways to resist violence and war.

Time: Year-round. Freedom Journey is a weekend event Friday 5:30 p.m. through Sunday noon. We are willing to work with groups to vary the schedule as needed.

Group Size: Up to 40

Minimum Age: 12 but the journey is best suited for high school, college and adults

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Retreat Center has 40 bunks with shower facilities. Private rooms, dorm rooms and bunk rooms are also available at the Pilgrim House Hostel and Retreat Center.

Cost: Weekend Freedom Journey program \$125, per person and it includes bunks, showers, and professional leadership for special Freedom Journey programs & events including dance and art. Pilgrim House Hostel is also available for groups or individuals traveling through the area. Rates and other lodging information available on-line at www.pilgrimhouse.org.

Harvest of Hope (Nashville)

Contact: www.endhunger.org

Phone: 800.333.4597



Harvest of Hope is a national gleaning network that educates participants concerning the domestic and global hunger problem with the encouragement to make a lifelong commitment to being part of the solution.

Projects/Focus: Participants glean nutritious produce from farmers' fields and orchards after harvest. This food, instead of being left behind to rot, is delivered to those in need through programs such as local food banks and soup kitchens. Harvest of Hope is a national gleaning network.

Harvest of Hope regional offices are located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The national office is located in Big Island, Virginia.

Morgan Scott Project for Cooperative Christian
Concerns (Deer Lodge)

Contact: Ella Smith, Director
1022 Old Deer Lodge Pike P.O. Box 8
Deer Lodge, TN 37726

E-mail: morganscott@highland.net

Phone: 423.965.3131

Website: www.morganscottproject.org

Registration: Go to webpage. Click on "Morgan Scott work groups" for calendar showing available dates

Morgan Scott is a faith-based organization established in 1972 to help the low and no-income families in the area with support in their everyday lives. Morgan Scott provides emergency aid, home repair, food, school supplies, educational support for adults, Christmas presents for children, and operates a thrift store. The goal is to meet each person where they are in their lives and show them Christ's love while working to make their life better.

Projects/Focus: Home repair. Projects include building ramps, remodeling kitchens and bathrooms, replacing rotten flooring, painting and yard cleaning.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Evening activities showcase the community and its people. Groups are encouraged to take Wednesday as a free day to explore state and national parks, as well as Blue Grass music. Groups receive education related to the make-up of Morgan and Scott Counties, including the job market, religion, natural resources and other items of interest.

Time: June 1 – July 31, 2014 in one-week cycles.

Group Size: 16 maximum.

Minimum Age: Children under age 11 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: The center has two bunk rooms, dining area, kitchen, 5 full bathrooms, and a porch with picnic tables. It also has a full kitchen with 3 freezers, 2 refrigerators, gas grill, dishes, silverware, toasters, micro-wave, cooking utensils and serving dishes. There is a place for bonfires at night. The buildings have central air-conditioning and internet. Groups provide and prepare their own food. Groups bring own sleeping bags or bed linens.

Cost: Adults \$250 per person per week. Children under 11 years \$200 per person per week. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration.

Sunset Gap Community Center (Cosby)

Contact: Executive Director, Kenny Morgan
1300 Sunset Gap Road
Cosby, TN 37722-3331

E-mail: sunsetgap@gmail.com

Phone: 423.623.4313 *Fax: 423.623.2393

Website: www.sunsetgap.com

Registration: Online, through website.

Sunset Gap Community Center serves Cocke and Sevier counties through children's programs, thrift store, food pantry, hot meals, and housing rehabilitation.

Projects/Focus: Rehabilitation of homes in the community. Work supervisor can be provided.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Group leaders are responsible for their own programming. Free time can be arranged in order for groups to be able to enjoy activities in the Smokies such as rafting, hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Groups are welcome to hold Vacation Bible School or Day Camps for community children. Groups will need to provide workers, materials and snacks or lunch for children.

Time: Summer. (Groups also are welcome in fall and spring)

Group Size: 100 maximum.

Minimum Age: 12 years.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:8

Accommodations: Dormitory style facilities with bunk beds, showers, and common areas. On-site cook prepares breakfast & evening meals. Food is provided for sack lunches to be taken to the job site.

Cost: \$275 per person. A 10% non-refundable deposit is required. Project costs are in addition to room and board and range from \$200 to \$2500. You will receive a projects list from which to choose your primary project. Additional projects may be selected or assigned according to the size and productivity of your group, need, and monies available. The projects are first-come-first-served and must be approved by the Work Camp Supervisor.

TEXAS

Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection (DOOR) (San Antonio)

Contact: DOOR Program National Office

See listing for DOOR programs in entry under national office in Denver, Colorado.

E-Mail: DOOR@DOORnetwork.org

Phone: 303.295.3667 * Fax: 866.559.3248

Website: www.DOORnetwork.org



DOOR is an urban learning and service program.

Groups experience the city and learn about it through volunteering at a variety of community agencies already present in the community, including soup kitchens and homeless shelters. Groups stay at facilities in the city, hear a local perspective on the city, use public transportation when available, interact with people of the city and reflect on their experiences.

DOOR locations nationwide: California (Hollywood/Los Angeles), Georgia (Atlanta), Illinois (Chicago), Florida (Miami) and Texas (San Antonio).

Inman Christian Center (San Antonio)

Contact: Mary Lou Gonzalez, Volunteer Coordinator
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San Antonio, TX 78207

E-Mail: mary.lou.gonz@gmail.com

Phone: 210.222.9641 * Fax: 210.227.9566

Website: www.inmancenter.org

Inman Christian Center empowers children, youth and families and the elderly to develop to their full physical, mental and spiritual potential within the communities that Inman serves.

Projects/Focus: assist in maintaining the center facilities as well as in program support.

For more information, please contact the center directly or visit our website.

Reach Beyond Mission (Austin & Houston)

Contact: Mary Lu Johnston
15907 Braesgate Drive
Austin, TX 78717

E-mail: info@reachbeyondmission.org

Website: www.reachbeyondmission.org



Biblical. Progressive. Inclusive. **Reach Beyond Mission** is a theologically progressive youth mission program that goes beyond traditional mission, combining service opportunities with thoughtful and intentional poverty education.

[Programs of Reach **Beyond Mission** are run in Austin and Houston, TX and in Washington DC.]

Projects/Focus: *Reach Beyond Mission* is a fully planned youth mission experience. Youth join youth from other churches across the country to explore issues of culture, gender, and poverty in an urban setting. Participants volunteer at numerous metropolitan area non-profits working with the homeless, low-income families, children, people with disabilities and the elderly. *Reach Beyond Mission* provides speakers, age-appropriate activities, and discussion starters to help young people explore the biblical, theological, economic, social, and political issues related to poverty.

Educational/Advocacy Components: It is life-changing when youth are challenged to move beyond feeling warm and fuzzy about helping others and begin to explore how to spend a lifetime changing the system which causes poverty. It is life-changing when youth begin to recognize that racism, sexism, and all the other "isms" are more than attitudes and that those "isms" have provoked real actions which have left many of God's children marginalized and disadvantaged. It is life-changing when youth begin to understand that they have power to make an impact with their votes, through their career choices, and with how they spend their money.

Time & Location:

Houston, TX – Theme: Urban Poverty
June 15-20 (Sun. – Fri.) – grades 6-12
June 22-27 (Sun. – Fri.) – grades 6-12

Austin, TX -
Theme: More than Food June 22-27 (Sun. – Fri.) – grades 8-12
Theme: Hunger June 9-13 (Mon. – Fri.) – grades 6-8

Group Size: Maximum 45 participants per week. Smaller groups will join others from different places and congregations.

Minimum Age: Varies by location and week.

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:6

Accommodations: Food is provided. Groups are housed at local church or school. All females and males sleep in separate rooms, including married adult leaders. Showers are available either on-site or at a nearby location. Participants provide their own transportation. Program provides 2-3 trained young adults who will serve as hosts and program coordinators.

Cost: \$255 - \$345 per person per week.
Varies by week & location.

Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries
(Los Fresnos & Bayview)

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Raquel Garcia, Assistant Director
28259 Pereira Compassion Road
Los Fresnos, TX 78566

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rgarcia@swgsm.org

Phone: 956.233.5198 * Fax: 956.233.8802

Website: www.swgsm.org

Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries lives the Good News of



salvation by addressing spiritual and material needs, including emergency shelter and food, clothing, transportation, legal aid, advocacy and job referral through a cooperative effort with other agencies and religious organizations.

Projects/Focus: Light construction, painting, building maintenance, electrical, plumbing and masonry work for homes, churches, and other projects. Sites in the U.S.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Group leaders responsible for own programming. Resources on immigration and border issues are available at www.ucc.org/justice/advocacy_resources. Feliberto Pereira's autobiographical book "I Was A Stranger: Hope for a Hidden World" can be used as framework for discussion. www.hopeforahiddenworld.com.

Time: All year. Call office or visit website for registration information.

Group Size: any size - 82 (maximum) at Bayview Site & a maximum of 28 at the Los Fresno's site

Minimum Age: Middle School age youth with supervision through adults of all ages

Adult to Youth Ratio: Adult supervision required.

Accommodations: Housing provided. Kitchen is available. The ministry is affiliated with the Southwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Cost: Deposits: Facility rental \$100. Lodging final cost \$13 per person per night. Group also covers costs for the work project and varies according to the project chosen for the group's skills and level of work. Please visit website for additional cost information and forms.

VIRGINIA

Appalachia Service Project, Inc.

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Harvest of Hope (Big Island)

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The Society of St. Andrew
3383 Sweet Hollow Road
Big Island, VA 24526

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Phone: 800.333.4597 * Fax: 434.299.5949
Website: www.endhunger.org



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Educational/Advocacy Components:

Participants learn about hunger through a variety of educational tools, coupled with worship. Hunger education components of the program happen each evening in large and small groups. Harvest of Hope educational materials on hunger in the U.S. and food waste are located at www.endhunger.org/usa_hunger.htm. A hunger Bible Study is located at www.endhunger.org/study.

Harvest of Hope regional offices are located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The national office is located in Big Island, Virginia.

Time: Groups submit applications to attend. Deadlines are four weeks before the event. Weeklong camps are scheduled for senior-high groups in the summer. Weekend camps are scheduled in the spring, summer, and fall for junior-high groups and students and young adult groups, and intergenerational groups. Camp locations vary.

Group Size: Six is a good size. Initial group registration is limited to 18 per church. At some events, several church teams can be accommodated up to 60. No team is too small.

Minimum Age: 10

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5 If bringing a mixed gender group, must have a male and female leader.

Accommodations: Harvest of Hope staff arranges housing for groups at church camps or college dormitories. Housing Accommodations vary by location. Some are very rustic with sleeping accommodations on floor mats. Some are more modern.

Cost: Weeklong camps \$185 per person, includes housing, meals and programming; Fall Weekend camps \$75 per person, includes housing, meals and programming.

WASHINGTON

Yakama Christian Mission (White Swan)

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Yakama Christian Mission seeks to enhance the well-being of children and youth through advocacy and education.

Projects/Focus: Yakama features Learning and Serving trips. Service opportunities vary according to the needs of the community and the mission site. Service also includes daily workshops to address cultural justice in a multicultural world.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Learning and serving trips (L&S) are unique from work trips and other mission trips because they are intentional times for the participant to reflect on their role in the community. Work trips and mission trips also do this, but often from a subjective stance. L&S trips allows the subjective to occur, but also adds to the experience an intentional learning aspect to the trip. Trips to Yakama Mission will include small group to grapple with the issues and information provided. Each workshop delves into current issues facing our first-world society and experienced first-hand by those living on the Yakama reservation.

Time: All year long.

Group Size: All types and sizes of groups.

Minimum Age: None

Accommodations: Bunks for 15 people. Larger groups are welcome with sleeping on the floor or in tents groups provide for themselves. Groups larger than 40 members should contact staff at least 6 months before trip to allow preparation time.

Cost: Learning and Serving trips are \$295 per person for the week. Includes lodging and supplies. There are short-term opportunities, please check the website or call for price.

WEST VIRGINIA

Alderson Ministerial Association (Alderson)

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Alderson, WV 24910

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The **Alderson Ministerial Association (AMA)** is a non-profit, ecumenical ministry of the local Baptist, Catholic, Church of God, Methodist, Nazarene and Presbyterian churches. The pastors of the churches serve as members and officers of the AMA. Many local congregants and community members volunteer to staff the ministries of the AMA. Ministries include a Thrift Store, a Food Pantry, benevolence assistance, work projects, and ecumenical services/fellowships during Thanksgiving, Advent, and Lent. In 2013, the AMA received the West Virginia Governor's service award for non-profit ministries. Proceeds from the Thrift Store ministry supply necessary funds for Food Pantry, benevolence, and some work project ministries. Several hundred families in Alderson and in the surrounding radius of 15-20 miles are served each year.

Alderson is a small community with about 900 residents living along both sides of the Greenbrier River in the mountains of eastern West Virginia. The community is comprised of lower economic, working class families. Individuals are employed in farming, local service sector, and at the local federal prison camp for women.

Projects/Focus: Home repair projects in the community. Typical jobs include re-roofing, building and repairing porches, installing handicapped access ramps, and various carpentry repairs, electrical, plumbing, and painting projects. These projects are targeted to help the elderly, economically disadvantaged, and other applicants without the means to complete the work without our assistance. Applicants are pre-screened by the AMA, and materials and work needs are assessed by a competent volunteer repair coordinator. The AMA provides necessary materials.

Teams should bring their own tools (e.g., hammers, crow bars, screw-drivers) and other equipment (e.g., electrical saws, drills, saws-all) to supplement those available from AMA in its tool room. Each team should have at least one person competent in basic carpentry and repair work. The AMA will provide a volunteer coordinator to direct the work to be done and to help the team start the project and inspect it when complete. However, an AMA volunteer coordinator will not be available to supervise the team full-time.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Team leaders will be responsible for worship and reflection services for the group each evening. Teams are encouraged to participate in the local church services of their choice during the week. If requested, evening activities and information sessions about the community can be scheduled. Social justice awareness related to the local

and federal prison for women can be provided by volunteers working at the Hospitality House which serves the visiting families of those confined at the prison.

Time: 2 teams during June 2014 (excluding June 29 – July 5); 3 teams during July 2014 (excluding June 29 – July 5); 1 team during the week of August 3-9, 2014. Teams can be scheduled at other times during the year by contacting the AMA. Applications will be taken until all needs are filled. Applications will be considered in the order they are received on a first-come-first-served basis.

Group Size: Maximum of 60 persons per team. If team is larger, call to discuss.

Minimum Age: 16 years, with permission of parent(s) or guardians.

Adult to Youth Ratio: Youth must be supervised by adult team members at all times. A ratio of at least one adult for each five youth is recommended with a minimum of two adults for each team. If boys and girls are on the same team, there should be an adult of both sexes serving as supervisors.

Accommodations: The teams stay in local Community Center which has separate bunk rooms and bathrooms for males and females. The Community Center also has a kitchen and dining facility. The AMA employs a cook for the team who prepares an evening meal each day of the team's stay. Breakfast and lunch are provided for self-service use by the teams.

Cost: \$245 per person for the week includes room, 3 meals per day, and materials for use at the work site.

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Appalachian South Folk Life Center (Pipestem)

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Pipestem, WV 25979

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The **Appalachian South Folk Life Center (ASFC)** is a progressive, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to a mountain heritage of freedom and self-reliance; a peaceful place where people of all ages, races, faiths and origins can share community work and creativity.

Projects/Focus: Work is mainly focused on home rehabilitations for people in need, but also includes other community development work such as stream clean-up, helping other non-profits in the community and working around the center.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Center staff will provide work in community and at Folk Life Center, develop field trips, and evening cultural programming. Sessions on Appalachian culture are provided.

Time: Registration is ongoing, but fewer opportunities are available in the winter months.

Group Size: 10–50 people

Minimum Age: 13

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5

Accommodations: Dorm-style lodging in Folk Life Center buildings. Fully stocked kitchen provided (groups must bring and cook their own food). Group must also provide bedding or sleeping bags. Chapel on-site. Ample recreational opportunities available.

Recreational vehicle hook-ups are available.

Cost: \$195 per person per week includes lodging, worksite supervision, and education programs.

Bethlehem Farm (Pence Springs)

Contact: Eric Fitts, Director

Jenna Cucco, Hiring Coordinator

Laura Zerhusen, Volunteer Coordinator

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Website: www.bethlehemfarm.net/main/



Bethlehem Farm is a Catholic community in Appalachia that strives to transform lives through serving the local community and teaching sustainability. Volunteers join us in living out the Gospel cornerstones of prayer, community, simplicity and service.

Projects/Focus: During a week at Bethlehem Farm you can expect to work hard. You can expect to wake up early and go to

bed exhausted every night. You can expect to be challenged and supported physically, emotionally, and spiritually. You can expect to have a voice which others will listen to and respect. You can expect to pray in both traditional and creative ways. You can expect to meet nature face to face, to become friends with donkeys and pigs. You can expect to prepare meals from scratch and spend time in the garden. You can expect to feel uncomfortable at times and at home with complete strangers. You can expect to see God, your friends, and the world in which you live from an entirely new perspective.

Educational/Advocacy Components: Staff provides most of the programming for the group weeks including orientation, introduction to Catholic Social Teaching, teachings on eating & living sustainably, as well as leading large group prayers on topics such as Community, Prayer, Service, Simplicity, and Care for Creation, Sacrifice, & Seeing God in All Things. There is passive programming throughout the Farm on the history of Appalachia, the effect of mountaintop removal mining & fair trade, and local foods. Participants will also lead a large group prayer experience with their work group and participate in several reflection activities

Time: Week-long service retreats available (see calendar on website for dates). Priority registration is August 15th for March & May college weeks, September 30th for spring & summer high school weeks, Feb. 1st for adult week, family week and October college weeks, but some spots may be available past these dates. Social justice retreat offered over President's Day weekend.

Group Size: Negotiable (average: 6-12)

Minimum Age: 16

Adult to Youth Ratio: 1:5 must have one chaperone of each gender participant you bring.

Accommodations: Bunkrooms in large, shared farmhouse with indoor bathrooms as well as outdoor showers & composting toilets. Meals are provided with homemade, local, organic food. Vegetarians welcome.

Cost: \$300 per participant.

Baby Boomers

Have a Great Adventure for God

Partners in Service program of the Volunteer Ministries Office

Baby boomers volunteer to serve in the world through the United Church of Christ to increase the capacity of direct service and advocacy organizations, to grow spiritually, and to experience a great adventure for God.

This opportunity is part of the Partners in Service program of the Volunteer Ministries Office of the UCC and is based on the belief that all God's people are gifted and called to offer these gifts in the service of others. Partners in Service host sites are located in diverse settings within the United States. To find out more about this opportunity go to <http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/boomers.html>

To apply you will need to complete Part 1 & 2 of the "Partners in Service" application and provide three references.

A completed application will remain on file with the UCC Volunteer Ministries office, if desired, to serve also for future placement opportunities.



Mission Trip Volunteer Feedback Request

Go to <http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/mission-trip-tracking-1.html> to provide feedback on your mission trip.

or complete this form and mail to
VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES
700 PROSPECT AVENUE E
CLEVELAND, OH 44115

Name of Group of Church: _____

Name of Group Organizer: _____

Person Completing this Form: _____

Address of Church: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name and location of Mission Trip Site: _____

Number of Participants in Your Group: _____

Date of Trip: _____

How Did You Find Your Site: If you select other or recommendation, please tell us the source.

____ UCC Mission Trip Opportunity Booklet

____ Previous Mission Trip at Site

____ Recommendation _____

____ Other _____

Can we share your stories or photos publicly? _____

Please share your story, your reflections, and or your feedback here: _____
