

Construction Workers Needed

Skilled, Unskilled and Other-skilled¹

The New Orleans area continues to have a desperate need for help in reconstruction. We encourage skilled professional and amateur carpenters and folks of little or no carpentry skill levels to participate in our ongoing work. Our goal is a team of 20 people, including, at least, 2 to 4 skilled folk to advise the rest of the crew. *Most tools are available on site.* Building materials can be purchased there.

~People with electrical, plumbing, or flooring installation skills are urgently needed in the Gulf Coast. ~



More Information?

Check the websites of the Worcester Area Mission Society

www.wamsucc.org

and

The Massachusetts Conference UCC

www.macucc.org/goodshepherd/index.htm

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NOT YOUR AVERAGE NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP!

**Worcester Area Mission
Society, UCC
in cooperation with the
MACUCC:**

Offering desperately needed support
and resources to New Orleans with our
partner church
Good Shepherd UCC
in Metairie, LA



WAYS (Workdays for Adults and Youth in Service)

*intergenerational mission trips are committed
to creating an environment in which to practice
living in the moment and following God's
guidance, fostering relationships and using a
diversity of skills and talents while offering
much needed services requested by local
residents and area agencies.*

TEACHER-TO-TEACHER:
sharing ideas and support
with the schools of New Orleans

[A program sponsored by the Worcester Area Mission Society in partnership with the Good Shepherd UCC of Metairie, Louisiana, the Lisa Mains Saley Foundation for Kids and the Massachusetts Conference, UCC.]

The schools in Louisiana are among the poorest in the country. The wake of Hurricane Katrina has left the teachers and students demoralized as well as materially challenged. Will you help?

TEACHERS IN RESIDENCE

We are looking for teachers, teacher's aids, and school librarians who will work side by side with teachers in New Orleans. These educators would spend the week in a Gulf Coast school, sharing their skills and caring and being present to the staff and children. *[Teachers-In-Residence are welcome with any scheduled work week.]*

ROAD SHOW

[Feb & April School Vacation Weeks.]
We are also looking for folks interested in education who have other talents, such as drama, music, or creative learning approaches: to present a dramatic road show that can travel from school to school for assemblies with grades 3 to 5 and help with topic-related learning centers for selected classes. The topic is based on material that will augment their curriculum.

Costs: \$1200 (\$1150 through Jan. 09) includes:

Room, Board,
Vehicle Rentals & Fuel,
Missionary Accident Insurance,
Leadership/Organization,
\$200 for Materials
Airfare: (if the cost of airfare exceeds \$500/person, the cost of the trip would have to be increased.)

Spending money – would only be needed for meals enroute, an optional lunch stop or a jazz performance.

Ages:

Construction Participants must be 16 years of age or older. Youth traveling with an adult to work with landscaping or the Road Show could be somewhat younger.
To date we have meaningfully included folks from ages 16 to 81!

Housing and Meals:

We will stay in dormitories set up in the outbuildings and classrooms of Good Shepherd UCC in the New Orleans area. Most sleeping is on bunk-beds with twin sized air mattresses. Showers (3), and toilets (2 each) in adjoining building. Limited laundry facilities available on site.
We will do our own cooking in the church kitchen and enjoy one night out at a moderately priced local restaurant.

Ground Transportation:

We rent vans and cars and recruit drivers from our group.

LANDSCAPING & GARDENING:

Our newest partnership work possibility!
People who are knowledgeable gardeners, and those willing to help, offer signs of life and beauty – bringing hope to many homeowners.
Work could include planting gardens for returning residents and assisting in a community organic garden.

Donations are needed for the amazing Educational Ministry of the Good Shepherd UCC in Metairie in partnership with WAMS,UCC , MACUCC and the Lisa Mains Saley Foundation for Kids.

*(Please contact us **before** you collect materials so we can share guidelines and special needs.*

The wrong gifts can be a burden the right ones a joy and an inspiration.)

Books, musical instruments, sports equipment, teacher resources, **classroom supplies are desperately needed.** Contact Shantia for more information

Many Hands & Hearts are Needed:

In addition to skilled and unskilled construction workers, educators, and gardeners, we can often arrange to use the special skills of social workers, nurses, therapists, bankers, and others.