

Construction Workers Needed

Skilled, Unskilled and Other- skilled¹

Work:

To date our work has been gutting out homes that were badly flooded. This work is coming to a close and the time to begin reconstruction is starting. We are trying to organize skilled professional and amateur carpenters and folks of little or no carpentry skill levels to help. 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.*

Materials can be purchased there.

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



More Information?

Check the Worcester Area Mission Society website

<http://www.myplanet.net/wamsucc/>

or

The Massachusetts Conference UCC website

<http://www.macucc.org/goodshepherd/index.htm>

Or contact

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NEW ORLEANS WORK TRIPS!

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

Is organizing work trips to New Orleans with our partner church
Good Shepherd UCC
in Metairie, a suburb of New Orleans



TEACHER-TO-TEACHER:
sharing ideas and support
with the schools of New Orleans
During February and April school
vacation weeks

[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?

We are looking for teachers, teacher's aids, and school librarians who have introduced creative or interesting curriculum, programs or ideas into their classrooms or who will work side by side with teachers in New Orleans. These educators would go in pairs to a Gulf Coast school for the week, living in the community, sharing their skills and being present to the staff and children.

We are also looking for folks interested in education who have other talents, such as drama, music, history or reenacting:
to organize and present a dramatic road show that can travel from school to school for assemblies and have spin-off learning centers for schools that would like some classroom follow up in grades 3-5. The topic would probably be based on some theme of New England history.

Costs: \$950 includes:

Airfare,
Room, Board,
Vehicle Rentals & Fuel,
Missionary Accident Insurance,
Leadership/Organization,
\$200 Donation for Materials

[*Spending money – would only be needed for an optional lunch stop or a jazz performance*]

Ages:

Participants must be 16 years of age or older. We have meaningfully included folks from ages 16 to 81!

Housing:

We will stay in dormitories set up in the parish hall and outbuildings of Good Shepherd UCC in the New Orleans area. Sleeping is on twin sized air mattresses and cots. 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 will rent vans/cars unless some people would like to drive down.
(2-3 day trip - 1500mi).

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 and Hearts are Needed:

In addition to skilled construction workers and others who are willing to learn to assist with the construction work – we can often arrange to use the special skills of teachers, educators and dramatists, social workers, therapists, bankers, and others.

**WAMS, UCC and MACUCC
Schedule for upcoming
New Orleans work trips:**

Construction Groups:

Nov. 10 – 17, 2007 FULL!

Jan. 5 - 12, 2008 FILLING!

Jan. 12 - 19, 2008... FILLING!

Feb. 16 - 23, 2008... FILLING!

April 19 - 26, 2008...

LOTS OF ROOM!

Teacher-to Teacher*

Educational ministry program to
the schools:

*Teachers, educators, dramatists and
musicians wanted*

February 16 - 23, 2008 FILLING!

April 19 - 26, 2008

LOTS OF ROOM!

***Overall Leader for all trips:
The Rev. Shantia Wright-Gray***