

Do you have 1 member,  
or 4 members, or 14 members  
who would like to reach out  
to help people near or far?

We can help you engage in mission – locally, nationally, or worldwide – with a variety of opportunities for your adults and your youth.

Our mission trips are a special blend of learning, service and faith discernment lived out in a community of caring.

- The local people tell us what kind of help they would like from us.
- All of our trips are intergenerational (individuals and groups of adults AND groups of youth participate).
- We include time to learn about the needs, concerns and culture of the local people.
- We focus on helping others while we listen for God communicating to and through us.

If your church has a large group of people and you'd like to sponsor your own mission trip - we can help you plan it!

Workdays for Adults & Youth in Service

# WAYS Mission Opportunities 2010

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Students in NOLA learn bayou restoration



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Sponsored by the Worcester Area  
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Promoting holistic experiences  
in short-term mission:  
balancing service, learning  
and faith discernment

## Intergenerational Mission Retreats

We are committed to creating an environment in which adults and youth may foster relationships while using a diversity of skills and talents to offer much needed services requested by local residents and area agencies.

Our Intergenerational Mission Retreats are an opportunity to practice living in the moment and following God's guidance for the use of our gifts.

## LOCAL

(minimum age 12)

- **WAYS Workdays**

- **in Central Massachusetts:**

- Saturdays: May 1 and September 25, 2010 from 9 – 4:30

- Cost \$10 (\$20 contributions for materials are requested from youth ages 14 through adults)

- **WAYS Central Massachusetts Mission Event!!!!**

- Friday evening, July 9 - Wednesday evening, July 14, 2010

- Come and work with Non-Profit Service Agencies and private homeowners, meet others who care and celebrate hope!*

- Work will be inclusive of a variety of skills and interests - projects could include: construction maintenance and repair, meals for local shelters, worship with the Worcester Fellowship: dedicated to ending isolation for those living in poverty, gardening for food pantries, and work with children. Cost: \$475 includes room, board, donation for materials, & leadership.

- Each individual or group must provide their own ground transportation.

## NEARBY

(minimum youth group age 12 / families welcome)

- **Newman Memorial United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, NY**

- October 8 – 11, 2010, Columbus Weekend

- Work with this active church, involved in ministering compassionately and joyfully to their neighborhood, could include: facility rehab & clean up, computer lab set up, installing a community closet for job-seeking women coming off of welfare or out of prison, preparing a soup kitchen meal, or offering a program for children.

- Cost is \$425 (all inclusive).

## FURTHER AWAY

(minimum age 12 with parents / 16 without parents- some families welcome)

- **New Orleans:** To work with **Good Shepherd UCC**, the MACUCC Partner Church in Metairie, Louisiana.

- April 17–24, 2010 and January 8–15, 2011

- Work could include construction, teaching, landscaping, massage, & "Road Show" for School assemblies

- \*some work not suitable for youth under 16\**

- Cost: \$1,300/April vacation trip; \$1,200/January trip (all inclusive)

- **Yakima Christian Mission, White Swan, Washington** A Disciples of Christ – Christian Church Mission July 24–31, 2010

- Work groups at Yakama Mission will find a more holistic experience than a typical work trip. In addition to the traditional physical aspect of working in the community and on the Mission property, we also engage each group in learning about the principles of culture, race, and ethnicity, so that they return to their home congregations with a better understanding of justice. The serving day is about 6 hours to leave plenty of time for our learning experiences. An awesome opportunity - Don't miss it!

- Cost: \$1,300 (all inclusive)



## INTERNATIONAL

(minimum age 16)

- **La Romana, Dominican Republic:** March 6-14, 2010 To help build a hospital, construct water purification systems, join a medical mission to Haitian cane workers, or help with a daily Bible School in. Cost: \$1,300 (all inclusive). (Every participant is asked to raise an additional \$200 for materials.)

### FUTURE INTERNATIONAL POSSIBILITIES

- **Mexico:** Approximately \$1,300 (all inclusive) February 19-26, 2011
- **Haiti:** [By the fall of 2010, we hope to be working with partners to participate in recovery activities. This trip will be emotionally and physically taxing and we expect it to be VERY rewarding. Participants must be 18 years of age or older and in good health.] We expect the cost to be about \$1,300 (all inclusive).

Financial Assistance is sometimes available for our trips.