

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

What does it mean that the cost is "all inclusive?"

All you need to bring is your spending money.

Is there a minimum age requirement for participants?

Yes, there is. It is different for different trips, so check out the individual trip descriptions. All trips take people 16 and up. Some take younger youth.

How will your mission trip effect our church?

Often individuals have a new vision of the needs of others and how they can contribute. Many participants bring home a new energy or vision.

Can you help with fundraising?

Absolutely. We are gathering more and more ideas for creative fundraising!

We have enough people to do our own mission trip. Can you help us plan it?

Yes. We'd be happy to offer you a quote for consultation to help create your trip.

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WAYS (Workdays for Adults and Youth in Service) is the **Mission Travel Bureau** of the **Worcester Area Mission Society, UCC**

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

Is your church looking for ways to get involved in hands-on mission?

Does your church laity need a spiritual boost?

Have you considered mission as a form of adult education?

Are you looking for ways to develop leadership in your church?

WAYS Mission Trips
2009 – 2010

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.

Scheduled Mission Retreats

LOCAL (minimum age 12)

- WAYS workdays in **Central MA – Saturday, September 26, 2009 and May 1, 2010.**
- WAYS/MACUCC **Youth Group** workday in **Central MA – Saturday, October 17** (in conjunction with the MACUCC Annual Meeting)
- WAYS mission retreat – work with Non-Profit Service Agencies and private homeowners in the **Central MA area. \$425** (room, board, donation for materials, & leadership) **Provide your own ground transportation. July 24–29, 2010** Inclusive of a variety of skills and interests, possible projects could include: construction, meals for local shelters, community gardening, and work with children.

NEARBY (Minimum youth group age 12 / some families welcome)

- To work with a **Shelter for Families in Cecil County, Maryland, \$375** (all inclusive) **October 9–12, 2009** Includes construction and working with children

FURTHER AWAY (minimum age 12 / some families welcome)

- To work with the **MACUCC Partner Church in Metairie, Louisiana. \$1,200/January trips; \$1,300/ April vacation trip** (all inclusive) Includes working in the New Orleans area in construction, teaching, landscaping, massage, & “Road Show” for School assemblies — some work not suitable for youth under 16
January 2–9, 2010 (Great for college students and college employees)
January 9–16, 2010 (Core group First Congregational Church of Rutland)
April 17–24, 2010 Includes construction teaching & “Road Show” Group
- To work with **Native Americans at the Yakama Christian Mission** in White Swan, Washington. **\$775 plus airfare** (room, board, program, ground transportation, donation for materials, & leadership)
July 10–17, 2010 Working on construction & with children & families

INTERNATIONAL (minimum age 16)

- To help build a hospital & water purification systems, join a medical mission to Haitian cane workers, or help with a daily Bible School in **La Romana, Dominican Republic. \$1,300** (all inclusive) **March 6–14, 2010**
- Mexico. Approximately \$1,300** (all inclusive) **February 19-26, 2011**

Custom Scheduled International Mission Retreats

To be scheduled in consultation with your core group of 4 or more participants and the mission site.
Honduras (approximately **\$1,300** –all inclusive)

Current Calendar

Septmeber 26
Central Massachusetts WAYS day
October 17
WAYS/MACUCC Youth Group Workday in Central Massachusetts
October 9-12, 2009
Meeting Ground, Cecil County Maryland
January 2-9 & 9-16, 2010
MACUCC partner church in Louisiana
March 6-14, 2010
La Romana, Dominican Republic
April 17-24, 2010
MACUCC partner church in Louisiana
May 1, 2010
Central Massachusetts WAYS day
July 10-17, 2010
Native American Reservation, Yakama Christian Mission, WA
July 24-29, 2010
Worcester Area Local Mission Retreat

What makes your
mission trips unique?

• The local people tell us what they want us to do. • All of our trips are intergenerational (individuals and groups of adults AND groups of youth participate). • We focus on helping others while we listen for God communicating to and through us.