



CITY MISSION SOCIETY OF BOSTON

BOSTON URBAN OUTREACH PROJECT

*If the cities go down, the suburbs go down.
If the suburbs go down, the nation goes down.*
Coleman Young, former mayor of Detroit

The mission of the CMS **Boston Urban Outreach Project** is to foster relationships to develop a larger sense of community and an increased understanding of social action issues among youth and adults throughout Greater Boston by means of service, worship, and reflection.

Boston Urban Outreach offers customized immersion experiences for groups of youth and their leaders. Day long, overnight, and extended stay programming is available at reasonable costs. Groups live in community at a local inner city church. They learn how they can become agents of change to impact social issues. Participants are assigned to a service project at church or non-profit agency. The purpose of these projects is not simply to perform tasks, but to provide a unique opportunity to visit unfamiliar neighborhoods and experience what it means to serve others.

Service opportunities can include:

- ✓ Planting or harvesting a community garden,
- ✓ Preparing and providing meals for homeless men and women,
- ✓ Painting and performing maintenance at a shelter, church or other agency,
- ✓ Sorting food in a pantry or food bank,
- ✓ Working with preschool children on an art project,
- ✓ Assisting with games at an elder daycare facility,
- ✓ Sorting clothing at a facility, and
- ✓ Packing books to mail to people in prison.

At the conclusion of the service project participants gather for guided reflection. Participants will have the opportunity to talk about what they have experienced. Speakers can also be invited to share their knowledge or first hand experiences with the groups. Groups can depart on Saturday or stay for another evening and worship on Sunday with the host church.

Contact Carl McDonald, director of **Boston Urban Outreach** to talk about how your group can get involved: cmcdonald@cmsboston.org or 617-742-8470, ext 210.

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