

2008 YOUTH MISSION TRIPS ANNOUNCED

In partnership with the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, Boston Urban Outreach, a program of City Mission Society of Boston has agreed to offer the following youth mission trips for 2008. Mission trips for youth offer hands on experiences that help youth begin to live out their faith. The trips are designed to not only include work experiences but to offer opportunities for recreation, worship and socializing with one another. These are great opportunities for individual groups to mix with other groups from throughout the Mass Conference. All of the planning and logistics are taken care of for the groups, so there is very little time involved with local leadership trying to research and book a mission trip. Small groups as well as large groups are welcome to join these trips. Space is somewhat limited so contact Carl McDonald at 617-742-6830, ext 210 as soon as you know your group is interested.

All trips are for high school age youth. For summer trips, we accept youth who are entering high school and those who have just graduated. Two adult leaders are required for all groups. If your group is larger than ten, additional leadership is required for each five participants. All leaders must be willing and able to drive passenger vans.

The cost of each trip is listed below. This is an all inclusive cost, which covers transportation, lodging, meals and programming. Youth are encouraged to bring \$50 or less for snacks and a church offering. These are not shopping trips, so there is very little time to spend money. In addition to the individual cost of the trip, there is a one time church registration fee of \$100.

April 20-25, 2008 Boston Experience

Up to three different inner city churches will host youth groups for mission trips during school vacation. Groups will work independently during the day and share some evenings interacting with the other groups. Service opportunities will vary depending upon the size of the group. Attending a Jazz Worship service and dinner with people who have experienced homelessness are highlights of this trip. Cost is \$300 per person.

June 22-27, 2008 Habitat for Humanity trip to Tarboro, North Carolina

Hurricane Floyd hit North Carolina in 1997 and there are still people who have inadequate housing. Groups will join together to build or finish building a home. All youth will have the opportunity to do carpentry work. Youth sixteen and older are allowed to operate power tools. Housing is dorm style at a retreat center. Cost is \$450 per person.

August 2-8, 2008 Rebuilding in New Orleans

Following Hurricane Katrina and Rita, the UCC has worked diligently with the people of New Orleans to rebuild. There is still much to be done. The work will include rebuilding lives as well as houses. Lodging will be provided by St. Paul's United Church of Christ in New Orleans. Cost is \$350 plus airfare. (Airfare is estimated to be \$325)