



First Church in Ipswich Urban Work Camp

At: Project Hospitality
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FIRST CHURCH IPSWICH GOES TO NEW YORK CITY

Join us June 25-July 2, 2017
as we travel to New York City to spend a week in service

Join us as we do anti-racism work in New York City's poorest borough, joining in solidarity with people with AIDS, serving meals, offering groceries, and supporting an inner-city Black church.

Work?

We will be paired with a soup kitchen, a food pantry, a "living Positive" organization which is led by and supports people with AIDS, and a clothes distribution center in Staten Island, volunteering our time and good will to the people of Staten Island.

Housing?

Our home will be the African Methodist Church, three blocks from the Project Hospitality offices.

Location?

We will be located in the heart of Staten Island.

Support?

Our work camp will be led by Rebecca Pugh (revrebecca@aol.com), Beth Viehmann (bvmann@comcast.net), Harrison Corder (harrybones13@gmail.com), as well as members of the Project Hospitality team.

How much does it cost?

Transportation, food and contribution to Project Hospitality will be \$250. You may also wish to bring a little pocket money for the ride home. Please let us know if you need a scholarship.

SCHEDULE

Sunday June 25 (Depart for New York)

Meet at the church at 10:00 am for commissioning and worship, loading vans and departing. Arrive in time for supper, unpacking, and settling in.

Monday June 26

Orientation in the morning, and volunteer work in the soup kitchen in the afternoon

Tuesday June 27

Volunteer work in the food pantry

Wednesday June 28

Volunteer doing chores in the local church where we stay, prepare and serve dinner to the team of People with AIDS, participate in a workshop to learn about AIDS survivors' guidance and advice for us, attend a positive living meeting, which is an opportunity for those living with AIDS to fellowship together and teach newcomers about resilience, safety, living homeless with AIDS, and courage.

Thursday June 29

Work in Project Hospitality's food pantry, hurricane relief ministry, and soup kitchen.

Friday June 30

Volunteer at the Methodist Church and offer our help to Project Hospitality for clothing sorting and food relocation.

Saturday July 1

We venture into Manhattan to visit Ground Zero, Battery Park, or the Metropolitan Museum of Art, departing mid-afternoon and driving to Connecticut, where we will sleep in a UCC church on our way home, and then get up early to return to Massachusetts in time for Youth Sunday.

Sunday July 2 (Return from New York)

We return bright and early and lead worship at First Church in Ipswich, telling sermons and stories and offering prayers and songs from our adventure and week of ministry.

Who can go?

Youth who have finished grade 8 by the end of June, through high school, are welcome to apply to participate. The van we rent can seat 10 youth, chaperones, and luggage.

Time deadline:

April 2 for submitting:

- a. the permission slip, health form copy, and release form
- b. the signed group contract
- c. the cost of the trip, or request for scholarship

Contract?

The contract defines how we will live as a community.

Fundraisers:

We will be doing one fundraiser for the trip--a Spring Dinner on April 30.

First Church Unplugged:

We don't bring cell phones on youth retreats and service trips, except for the chaperones' phones for emergencies. We know that this is unusual for young people in our culture, and yet we have found that it frees people to live in the moment, make friends in unexpected places face to face, and fully participate in the community. Plenty of pictures will be taken by chaperones.

What is Youth Sunday?

Youth Sunday is a day in which all youth who traveled in service have the chance to tell stories, share experiences, and reflect theologically with the congregation of the First Church in Ipswich. It is a required part of the week's experience, and has tended to be a highlight of the year for the congregation, to learn about the wisdom and insights of youth who have ventured afar in the name of the church. Youth Sunday this year is July 2, 10 am, at First Church in Ipswich.

Confirmation:

Confirmation is offered to grades 8 and up for young people interested in joining in the ongoing ministries as adult members of First Church in Ipswich. This retreat offers three confirmation workshops:

- * the 10 commandments,
- *the Fruits of the Spirit,
- * the Beatitudes.

Confirmation is Sunday July 2.

What's the Packing List?

- *Please pack a sleeping bag, small pillow, camping mattress, towel, flashlight, and toiletries.
- *Please pack modest, old clothes, sufficient for a week's working primarily in feeding the hungry. Aprons welcome. Please also bring dress up clothes for church when we get back.
- *Please pack a snack to share for the ride down on Sunday, and a non-perishable one for the ride home the following week. Non-sugary is best for this group.
- *Please pack a Bible, a journal, and pencils and pens.
- *Please pack several small gifts for your Ipswich "secret friend", to whom you will be assigned at the beginning of the trip, and a "hostess gift" for a new friend in Staten Island, whether this be a leader in the "Living Positive" workshop, a host at the soup kitchen, or a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.
- *Please pack a non-disposable water bottle to carry with you.
- * Please pack a mug, spoon, fork and table knife that will be yours for the weekend, to help us cut down on dishwashing.
- *Please pack a few games you would like to share with friends, and musical instruments.

Theological Framework:

Just as Naomi and Ruth sheltered each other when famine wiped out their clans and left them bereft, even though they were of different tribes, so will we seek to offer comfort and shelter to some of the city's most devastated citizens, in the name of the One who sought a preferential option for the poor and the outcasts, and found that they had some of the greatest insights of all.

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URBAN WORK CAMP, STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Youth cell phone: _____

Parents' cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Medications: _____ Allergies: _____

I understand that if my child does not feel well, I will be contacted.

In addition, my child has or does not have (please circle one) permission to take the following medications, should he or she need them.

(please check off the medications that your family is comfortable with, or cross off everything if you don't want your child to take medicine)

----- Aspirin ----- Ibuprofen ----- Tylenol ----- Homeopathic remedies
----- Metamucil ----- Cough medicine ----- Cough drops ----- Benadryl

A photo copy of your Insurance card Co./I.D., taped to the back of this document:

Any other concerns: _____

My child has my permission to participate in the youth activity of First Church in Ipswich. In the event of an emergency, and I cannot be contacted, I give my permission to the adult leader in charge to seek emergency medical treatment for my child.

My child _____Has, _____Does Not have permission to be photographed and posted in church displays or on the First Church website.

I also agree to not hold First Church in Ipswich, or its employees, and/or adult volunteers, responsible for any injury sustained while on the church property or during this adventure trip.

I have read the above statement, and my signature implies agreement and consent.

Youth Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

FIRST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP CONTRACT
MUST BE READ AND SIGNED BY STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

I _____, understand that I will be representing my church, my family, and myself on this church trip. I further understand this trip is a privilege and, as such, I will conduct myself maturely, responsibly, and in a safe manner.

This means that:

1. I promise not to engage in behaviors that put me or my group at risk, including but not limited to breaking curfew, bullying, lying, stealing, experimenting with drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons. I promise not to bring knives, guns, or lighters on this trip. I promise not to light fires unless there is a very unusual emergency and the team needs one for cooking or survival. Penalties for engagement in these prohibited behaviors will include expulsion and possible loss of privilege to go on further trips. This means that I may be immediately suspended from all trip activities and may be sent home at my or my family's personal expense.
- 1a. I will refrain from public displays of affection, realizing that this sometimes makes people feel left out and poses a strain on group dynamics.
- 1b. I agree with the church's no cell-phone, no laptop, no i-pod policy on youth retreats.
2. I understand that what the chaperone says goes and I will abide by what he/she says at all times even if I think I know better.
3. I will be with at least one other youth group member at all times. Unless structured otherwise, I will remain with the group and follow the scheduled activities.
4. I will abide by church curfews (though they may be earlier than the times with which I am familiar).
5. I will alert an adult immediately if I am feeling sick or having a serious problem.
6. I will be respectful of other people's property. I understand I am responsible for any damage I do to property during this trip, whether it is accidental or not.

The purpose of these rules is to assure the enjoyment and safety of all participants. I understand that my failure to comply will result in a phone call home, possible dismissal from certain activities, and/or removal from the trip, and possible loss of privilege to go on future trips.

Participant signature: _____

Parent's/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____ Tel. # _____

Please feel free to make a copy of this for your records.

Please return the four items listed below to the church office by April 2, 2017.

A signed permission slip

A signed contract

A copy of child's health insurance card

Full payment, \$250, or request for a scholarship.