



**First Church in Ipswich  
Youth Group  
Grades 8 - 12  
Urban Work Camp**

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

**Join us Sunday June 23 – Sunday 30. 2019**  
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 with Project Hospitality in Staten Island in solidarity with people with AIDS, people who are hungry, and people who are homeless, serving meals, offering groceries, offering support, and supporting an inner-city Black church.*

**Why?** We join Project Hospitality and El Centro del Immigrantes, to learn and help with health, food, and immigration issues in New York.

We will be paired with Project Hospitality's soup kitchen, a food pantry, a "living Positive" organization which is led by and supports people with AIDS, a food pantry especially for Latin American immigrants, and a clothes distribution center in Staten Island, volunteering our time and learning from the people of Staten Island.

**Where?**

Our home will be at the parsonage for the Huguenot Church: 550I Amboy Road, Staten Island.

**When?**

The last week of June. We leave Sunday June 23 after church, return Saturday afternoon June 29, and then lead worship the next day here at First Church Ipswich, Sunday June 30.

**Support?**

Our work camp will be led by Rebecca Pugh ([revrebecca4@gmail.com](mailto:revrebecca4@gmail.com)), Mary Lou Bates, Noreen Murphy and two male chaperones from First Church, (please let us know if you have a recommendation) 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 ice cream, a day in Manhattan and the ride home. Please let us know if you need a scholarship.

### **Who can go?**

Youth who have finished grade 8 by the end of June, through high school, are welcome to apply to participate. We can take 15 youth, four chaperones, one little brother, and luggage.

### **Time deadline:**

We will start to receive registrations on Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, January 21. We expect the trip to fill quickly and we are not able to take extra people this year. We can take the first 15 youth who submit a completed registration packet to Carmen Fatu in the church office. Youth who are involved in ministries at First Church are welcome to submit applications throughout the end of January. As of February 1, additional friends and interested people are welcome to also apply to come. If we don't identify four chaperones as we draw nearer to the trip, we will cancel the trip and refund your money; please keep in touch with us about this.

- 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.

### **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, and youth are welcome to borrow a chaperone's phone if they need one.

### **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 June 30, 10 am, at First Church in Ipswich.

### **What's the Packing List?**

\*Please pack a sleeping bag, small pillow, single bed camping mattress (We can't take king size or double size camping mattresses; please don't bring one), 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.

\*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 permanent mug, spoon, fork and table knife, wrapped up in a cloth napkin, 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 and learned from each other when famine wiped out their clans and left them bereft, even though they were of different races and tribes, so will we seek to offer comfort and shelter to some of the city’s most devastated citizens, and to learn from them and receive their blessings, in the name of the One who taught a preferential option for the poor and the outcasts, and showed that they had some of the greatest insights of all.

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**URBAN WORK CAMP, STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK**

**June 23-30, 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are comfortable receiving medications from the youth group chaperones, circle the ones that are ok. If you are uncomfortable, cross everything out.

----- 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 my parents will be called to come bring me home.
- 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. I understand that it is easy to fall in love on trips like these, and I commit to waiting until after we are home, before pursuing a love interest.
- 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.**

- A signed permission slip
- A signed contract

A copy of the youth health insurance card  
Full payment, \$250, or request for a scholarship.