

Mission Trips and Opportunities

The website for the Presbytery will be adding new links to help us share what Presbyterians in the Great Rivers Presbytery are supporting with their time and talents. Mission Trips/Opportunities could be a one-day event, multiple days/weeks or an ongoing commitment. Congregations are encouraged to share information. The link areas will be:

Highlights (Share past mission trips/opportunities.)
Within Presbytery of Great Rivers
Beyond Presbytery of Great Rivers

Future Trips/Opportunities (Post mission trips/opportunities ready to accept individual volunteers or teams and individuals/teams ready to serve.)

Areas to Serve Within Presbytery of Great Rivers
Beyond Presbytery of Great Rivers

Ready to Serve Within Presbytery of Great Rivers
Beyond Presbytery of Great Rivers

Additional Resources & Websites

Please contact Kathy Casey, PGR Mission Trip Coordinator, caseyki925@yahoo.com, 309 745-3755, with information to be posted on the website, for assistance planning a trip or to serve.

Areas to Serve

Mission Trips Beyond the Presbytery of Great Rivers

Rebuilding in Slidell, LA with Presbyterian Community Outreach (PCO)

<http://pcoslidell.org/>

Coordinator/Host: Members of Washington Presbyterian Church, Washington, IL

Contact: Carol Voorhees - nurseca54@yahoo.com or Kathy Casey - caseykj925@yahoo.com

Dates: April 25 - May 2, 2009 (Traveling on 4/25 & 5/2)

Location of Work: Slidell, LA and communities around New Orleans, LA

Nature of Work: Volunteers needed for skilled and unskilled home construction (wall/ceiling insulation, painting, install floors, trim, cabinets and fixtures), meal preparation, office work and other duties as assigned.

Group Specifications: Fifteen volunteer spots have been reserved for April 26 - May 1st. Volunteer spots will be assigned on a first come basis. Must be 18 or over (Young adults between 16 & 17 may volunteer when their parent of the same gender also volunteers for the trip.)

Est. Cost: Transportation cost in privately owned vehicles. Lodging (in hotels and/or churches) during travel dates. Food/Meals at PCO and during travel. A donation to Presbyterian Community Outreach (PCO) is suggested to help offset operation and rebuilding cost.

Project Provides: Project leadership and worksite materials/supplies. Housing at the Presbyterian Outreach Center that includes kitchen, showers, washer/dryers and common recreation room.

Additional Information: The Congregation of Washington Presbyterian Church (WPC) began providing financial and spiritual support to members of the First Presbyterian Church, Slidell, LA (which houses the Presbyterian Outreach Center) within weeks of Hurricane Katrina. Members of WPC have worked in the Gulf on two other occasions at other host sites. Last May, several from WPC worked in New Orleans and attended service (on Mother's Day) at the Slidell First Presbyterian Church. At that time, a commitment was made to go back and work with the Presbyterian Community Outreach. WPC invites others from the Presbytery of Great Rivers to join them during this week of rebuilding, fun and fellowship.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Family Week 2009 - Gulf Coast

www.pcusa.org/pda/response/usa/gulfcoast/index-gulfcoast.htm

Coordinator/Host: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and Olive Tree Presbyterian Volunteer Village, New Orleans

Contact: PDA to register at 866-732-6121

Dates: June 14 - 20, 2009

Location of Work: Gulf Coast - New Orleans area

Nature of Work: Rebuilding homes destroyed by 2005 Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Group Specifications: Fathers & Daughters, Mothers & Sons or Daughters, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles. Minimum age is 14.

Est. Cost: \$20.00 per night per person includes meals and lodging during the event. See website for more details.

Additional Information: www.pcusa.org/pda/response/usa/gulfcoast/index-gulfcoast.htm

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Father & Son Week 2009 - Gulf Coast

www.pcusa.org/pda/response/usa/gulfcoast/index-gulfcoast.htm

Coordinator/Host: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and Olive Tree Presbyterian Volunteer Village, New Orleans

Contact: PDA to register at 866-732-6121

Dates: June 21 - 27, 2009

Location of Work: Gulf Coast - New Orleans area

Nature of Work: Rebuilding homes destroyed by 2005 Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Group Specifications: Fathers & Sons. Minimum age is 14.

Est. Cost: \$20.00 per night per person includes meals and lodging during the event. See website for more details.

Additional Information: www.pcusa.org/pda/response/usa/gulfcoast/index-gulfcoast.htm