

# TEN GREAT REASONS TO GO ON A MISSION TRIP

## **Location. Location. Location!!!**

Nashville is a great city with lots to offer. Only a three-hour drive, or less, from the cities of Louisville, KY, Memphis, TN, and Birmingham, AL, means that Nashville is easy to get to. Atlanta, GA, Indianapolis, IN, Saint Louis, MO, and Little Rock, AR are less than 6 hours away!

## **Affordability.**

Only \$238.00 per person! This price includes everything except for transportation. Housing, food, staffing, ministry supplies, devotional book, a t-shirt, preparation and debriefing materials are all included. YouthWorks strives to make their high quality mission experiences very affordable. Similar Tennessee mission experiences for the summer of 2009 ranged from \$252 to \$375.

## **Lots of Options.**

With 7 weeks of mission trips available, you can pick a week that fits your schedule. Sign up early to ensure you get the week that works best for your group. Five of the seven weeks offered are for both Junior and Senior High youth. The last two weeks are designated for Senior High youth only.

## **Safety is Our Priority.**

Safety is our number one priority. We have taken every precaution to ensure your group has a safe experience. All YouthWorks staff have passed a background check, are CPR certified, and have received extensive training. The UMC's Safe Sanctuary Policies are in place to protect our young people and those adults who serve them. YouthWorks staff is committed to partnering with us to make our site Safe Sanctuary compliant.

## **Leader Friendly.**

We strive to give our youth leaders a positive meaningful mission experience. This starts at registration. Getting signed up is easy and YouthWorks even provides a pre-trip planning guide. Once on site YouthWorks staff takes care of all the details, allowing leaders to focus on serving alongside their youth. Our goal is to give you opportunity to engage with your students and build relationships with other UMC groups without worrying about logistics.

## **Be Connected.**

The United Methodist Church values community and connecting with others. John Wesley believed in Christians belonging to a community for support, encouragement, and accountability. We hope that by joining in service and community with other UMCs from around the country, your youth group will begin to understand the importance of being connected to other faith communities and see yourselves as part of something much larger than your local youth group or church.

## **Discover our Wesleyan Roots**

In addition to the traditional YouthWorks mission experiences, there will be opportunities for us to get in touch with who we are as United Methodists. We will visit some of the General Agencies and meet people who help carry out the visions of the denomination. You will also discover how a mission trip fits into what it means to be a UM. Finally, we will learn the importance of missions in Wesley's life and in the founding of the UMC.

## **Make a Difference**

We are working with YouthWorks to serve with organizations in Nashville who are already doing impactful ministry. Working in small teams throughout the city we will be serving, helping and loving the people of Nashville. We strive to ensure a meaningful mission opportunity for everyone.

## **Building Relationships**

Relationships are the focus of a mission trip. Youth will get to know kids from other UMC churches as they work together on a small team all week. Youth will also get to know people and make new friends in the community as they serve. In addition there will be time each day for you to meet as a youth group to share your experiences from the day.

## **DON'T MISS OUT!**

Whether you are new to leading mission trips or have extensive experience, this will be an opportunity to impact your youth and connect to the larger Church body. Don't miss out – get registered today!