In Solidarity
With All God’s Children

Ohio Wesleyan University

Spring Break Mission Week Celebration 2010
Celebration 2010 Program

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Spring Break Mission Week: 
Four Essential Pillars

Restorative Justice

We seek to gain awareness of, show respect for, and build relationships with people and cultures with whom we interact. We seek to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in a way that honors and restores the human dignity and sacred worth of all involved. We seek to become agents for justice on our campus and in our world.

Transformative Reflection

We seek to intentionally and thoughtfully reflect on our experiences and interactions. We seek to bring our authentic spirituality to bear on what we learn. We seek to be changed by our exposure to people and ideas beyond our own. We seek to reflect as individuals and as a team, to learn and grow intellectually, socially, and spiritually.

Substantive Community

We seek, as a team, to develop into a close-knit community of mutual support. We seek to learn to work together as a whole, to be greater than the sum of our parts. We seek to bring what we learn and experience back to OWU for the enrichment of the whole campus community.

Leadership Development

We seek to call out the innate gifts and talents of each member of our team. We seek to hone and develop those gifts and talents for the betterment of ourselves and each other. We seek to learn how and where each of us is called to lead, how we might each add something unique and positive to our team's experience.
Re-New Orleans: Hurricane Katrina Recovery

**Team Vision**
Several years after the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, the city of New Orleans still struggles to recover! Many people have yet to restore their homes or rebuild from their loss. This team will be part of the ongoing effort by OWU students, faculty, and staff to remember and continue to stand in solidarity with those whose lives have been so irrevocably altered by this disaster. Team members will spend the week working with the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, either gutting damaged homes so that they can be rebuilt, or starting the rebuilding process on already-gutted homes. The team also will explore the greater issues of community building, as well as national and global responsibility for disaster restoration (not only in New Orleans, but world-wide).

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Women in Community:
The Benedictine Sisters of Erie, PA

Team Vision
Participants on this team will experience the Benedictine model of faith, community, prayer, and social action as they help with a variety of the sisters’ service projects (including a soup kitchen and an inner-city youth art house). They will learn about the social justice initiatives of the sisters, participate in the community life and prayer life of the monastery, and intentionally reflect upon the role such “radical hospitality” plays in relationship to urban poverty and social justice.

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Chicago Urban Plunge: Poverty, Immigration, Religion & Race

Team Vision
As one of the great urban areas of the United States, Chicago has a wealth of diverse cultures and amazing opportunities for its citizens. It also has enormous problems. Working with some pivotal organizations in the inner city, team members will explore the interplay between poverty and immigration in an urban context. The team will focus intentionally on the Christian-Muslim dialogue in Chicago, seek to understand how this particular dynamic relates to the greater issues of poverty and immigration in most major cities of the United States today, and thoughtfully reflect upon the role of inter-faith dialogue in the midst of such complex tensions.

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Love and Hope Ministries:
Children at the Core of El Salvador

Team Vision
The plight of dispossessed children never ceases to challenge us on a global scale. This year, we will be working for the fourth consecutive year with a very specific piece of that global puzzle – Love and Hope Ministries and their orphanage in El Salvador. Love and Hope is an evangelical (but non-proselytizing) Christian ministry seeking to care for these children. Team members will work on service projects at the orphanage, spend time interacting with the children, and thoughtfully reflect on the significance of such ministries in the context of dispossessed children globally.

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Missionaries of Charity: Bronx, NY

Team Vision
This intentionally Catholic-focused team seeks to engage issues of poverty, diversity, and service from a Catholic perspective in an intensely inner-city setting. The team will work with the Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa’s order), the Catholic Worker Movement, and Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice. Team members will participate in practical service with, as well as conversations with, local agencies seeking to help in and understand the interconnectedness of the Catholic faith with the complex context of inner-city poverty and social justice.

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Belize Mission Immersion

Team Vision
Why do we do mission? What does it mean to do mission? This team will explore these questions as they travel to serve with a missionary organization in Belize. Geared toward Christian students, this team will delve into the very nature, purpose, benefits, and detriments of short-term Christian mission. Once on site, team members will participate in service projects as needed, and work to build relationships with the local missionaries and community as they explore these crucial questions.

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Building & Rebuilding: Lakota Nation

Team Vision
This intentionally interfaith team will engage in the United Methodist Church’s long-term mission to rebuild Lakota-Anglo relationships through respectful conversation, deep critical reflection, and dedicated service. We will help the Tree of Life community in Mission, South Dakota build or repair a home, serve meals in the senior center, assist with children or with the Free Store warehouse, and each evening meet with tribal and spiritual elders of the local Lakota community. With an open mind, an open heart, and a desire to learn from perspectives far beyond our own, we will thoughtfully examine both the damage done by Christian missionaries in this place, and the powerful potential for healing between our broken cultures.

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Habitat for Humanity: Collegiate Challenge

Team Vision
A hand-up, not a hand-out. More than a house, it’s a home. These are the powerful slogans made real by Habitat for Humanity, an organization that seeks to eradicate homelessness and poverty housing by providing decent, affordable homes for every person in need. Team members serving on the Habitat team will spend a week doing construction, painting, or other tasks in order to help a person or family with the construction of their home. All future homeowners are required to put in hours of “sweat equity” work on their own home and often work alongside volunteers. This year’s team will travel to Mt. Airy, NC. The team will also explore the greater issues interwoven with homelessness both nationally and globally.

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Next Year’s Mission Projects

Were you inspired by one of this year’s teams?
Did you participate in a project that you think needs to happen again?
Have you heard rumors of past years’ projects that you would like to see revived?
Do you have a new idea?

Proposal Workshop

A proposal workshop will be held on April 15.
Tips for putting together a successful proposal will be shared!

Proposal forms for next year’s Mission Projects
will be available soon in the Chaplain’s Office (HWCC 3rd floor) and online at chaplain.owu.edu! All teams must go through this formal proposal process. Any student or staff member is welcome to submit a proposal. Proposals for previous and new missions projects are welcome. We look forward to working with you to make your vision a reality!

Proposal forms are due June 2, 2010.

We are in special need of creative domestic proposals.