



## Volunteer in Mission (VIM) Trip Opportunities

### Mission Trip Teams are Forming...

### Where is Christ Calling You?

**Be a short term missionary with these inspiring service offerings.  
Bring hope to others and experience Christ's presence in a special way.**

*Contact the Conference VIM Committee members below if your church is offering a mission trip. If they are open to participation from around the Conference, we will advertise them. If they are filled, we will celebrate them along with all of the missionaries of our Annual Conference*

### **Teams Open for you to Join:**

#### **MISSISSIPPI: November 9-15, 2009**

Come be a part of continued rebuilding after hurricanes. Mississippi is still in need of our assistance and who ever volunteers will be greatly blessed. Up to 10 people will travel to Gulf Port, Mississippi. Sponsored by Kent Island UMC; tool trailer provided by the church. First meeting will be September 2009.

Contact: Doug Holmes [holmesdaj@atlanticbb.net](mailto:holmesdaj@atlanticbb.net) 410-490-7145

#### **NICARAGUA: Feb. 5-13, 2010**

Travel with a Conference wide team to Leon and Nagarote. We will stay in Leon and work at an orphanage. The web address for this ministry is [www.nicamissions.com](http://www.nicamissions.com) A small group will also travel to Nagarote to assess a new site for becoming a VIM receiving site, under the leadership of Greg Forrester, Northeast Jurisdiction Volunteer in Mission Coordinator. Trip cost approximately \$1500. Contact Amy Yarnall 410-885-5641 or [pastoramy@gmail.com](mailto:pastoramy@gmail.com)

#### **COSTA RICA FEB. 11-28; JUNE 17-26 (Graduating Seniors); JULY 15-31**

Travel to Costa Rica to Los Chiles, near the Nicaragua border. Teams will be working with the pastor of the church on project priorities including housing for people of the church, projects at the church, and providing wells. Vacation Bible School will also be included. February and July trips led by Gil Hoffman of Kent Island UMC. June trip led by KIUMC youth pastor for graduating High School Seniors. Pictures are available at [www.kiumc.org](http://www.kiumc.org). Contact: Gil Hoffman [gilhoffn@friend.ly.net](mailto:gilhoffn@friend.ly.net) 410-758-3519

#### **NEW ORLEANS MARCH 13-19, 2010**

The Black United Methodist Pastors (BUMP) of the Peninsula Delaware Conference once again will be going to New Orleans for the 4th mission trip. Our goal is to continue to help those who are still in great need of assistance. Matthew 24:45 tells us *What you do to the least of these, you have done it unto me.* The cost is \$600.00 which covers travel, lodging, and food. Money is due to Rev. Yvonne Penn on or before December 29, 2009. Contact her now if interested [rypenn@verzion.net](mailto:rypenn@verzion.net) 443-521-4229 (cell) 410-221-8898

#### **PERU SEPT. 23-OCT. 7, 2010**

The team will be working at the Betesda Ministries in Legua, Catacaos. Jonathan Edwards, a missionary who has been living there for 12 years, will be host. The project will consist of some small construction projects and working with children (VBS) along with community outreach. Looking for people who love children and may have some skills in the areas of making crafts, puppetry, drama and music. Our trip will also include a side trip of sightseeing to Chiclayo. There will be opportunities to visit schools in the city and country as well as several churches. (It will be springtime so the temperature will be 80's during the day and the 60's in the evening.) Cost of trip is \$900.00 (airfare-Lima-Piura-Lima, hotel, food and transportation while in Piura) does not include airfare from U.S. to Peru, passports, shots, insurance and personal items/souvenirs etc. Total cost estimate is \$1400. Contact for questions and information: Sandy Rowland Binotto at: [Yashe4jc@hotmail.com](mailto:Yashe4jc@hotmail.com), 304-496-7711, C-304-839-1505

## **Local and National Sites We Suggest You Travel To:**

If you are forming a VIM Team and want suggestions about where to go, here a few of our suggestions:

### **National**

#### **MAINE: UNITED METHODIST ECONOMIC MINISTRY**

Located in rural Maine, this ministry receives teams during the summer to do home repair ministry. In addition, they have a thrift shop (the rainy weather service option), a food pantry, and other ways they serve the rural, low income community. The ministry staff are beautifully dedicated people who create a wonderful environment in which to serve. They receive youth (as young as middle school) and adult teams. Drive time from Wilmington, DE is approx. 11 hours. To learn more or reserve a week to serve, here is the contact information: 1458 Salem Rd. Salem Township, ME 04983 (207) 678-2611 email: [umem@tdstelme.net](mailto:umem@tdstelme.net) web site: <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/umem/weare.html>

#### **NORTH CAROLINA: MERCI MISSION CENTER**

This ministry serves eastern North Carolina. At their warehouses in Goldsboro, they receive, sort, and distribute supplies for local, national, and international mission projects in connection with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). MERCI provides new home construction for qualifying low-income families in eastern North Carolina. During the summer months, MERCI receives youth teams. During the rest of the year, they receive adult teams. To learn more, check out their website: <http://www.merciumc.org/>. To contact them: MERCI 676 Community Dr. Goldsboro, NC 27530, 919-739-9167 or 888-440-9167 Fax: 919-739-9124.

### **Local**

#### **FEDERALSBURG, MD: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Six churches in Federalsburg are working together with Habitat for Humanity to build 9 homes this year. You are invited to come be a part of what God is doing here. Servants must be at least 18 years old. They don't have accommodations for teams who travel to stay in. **They are accepting local servants to come and serve for a day or a weekend.** To schedule a work day or weekend, contact Leslie Brone 410-479-9200, 410-482-2315 (h) [cchfh@verizon.net](mailto:cchfh@verizon.net)

#### **CECIL COUNTY MD: MEETING GROUND HOMELESS MINISTRY**

Meeting is an ecumenical, church based non-profit that has four permanent sites in Cecil County providing shelter to the homeless on a long term basis, and it also works with local churches on the Emergency Rotating Winter Shelter. Clairvaux Farm in Earleville is a small farm able to house VIM Teams. Projects range from organizing the new Thrift Shop to maintenance as well as ministry with the residents. Good site for youth group trips. Contact Alison Windle 410-275-8990 [alison@meetingground.org](mailto:alison@meetingground.org)

#### **WILMINGTON: URBANPROMISE**

UrbanPromise is ministry to children and youth living in the inner-city neighborhoods of Wilmington, Delaware.

The mission of UrbanPromise is to teach children and young adults the skills necessary for spiritual growth, academic achievement, life management and Christian leadership. Teams may work on maintenance/building projects and/or work in their program settings cooking meals, leading activities, etc. Good site for youth group trips. Lodging will be arranged among local churches in Wilmington. [www.urbanpromise.org](http://www.urbanpromise.org) Contact: Beverly Henry Phone: 302-425-5502 Fax: 302-425-5506 [info@urbanpromise.org](mailto:info@urbanpromise.org)

## **Additional Resources:**

### **Insurance: Don't Leave Home Without It (seriously)**

Vim Teams must have insurance. Even if you have medical insurance, you need insurance. This insurance is inexpensive, and it covers unforeseen events. For example, regular medical insurance is often suspended in disaster zones and outside the U.S. Also, if a team member has a serious medical event (or dies) the insurance will not only pay for care, but will pay to transport them home. These are not things we typically consider, but they are extremely expensive on the rare occasions they occur.

<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/umvim-nej/> Cost: \$1.30 per day per person plus a \$15 per person registration fee for \$10,000 coverage. Or \$1.50 per day per person plus a \$15 per person registration fee for \$25,000 coverage. Coverage includes Medical Evacuation and Repatriation of \$100,000, Accidental and Medical Expense Benefit of \$10,000 or \$25,000 w/ \$50 deductible, lost luggage \$250, plus other benefits.

### **Websites:**

<http://pendelvim.wordpress.com/> is the **VIM Blog for the Peninsula Delaware Conference**. When folks travel on a VIM trip, we post stories and pictures here. We want your stories and pictures too. This is also in the process of being expanded to include resource information. Email trip stories to Rev. Asher Tunik at [Pastorasher@gmail.com](mailto:Pastorasher@gmail.com)

[www.umvim.info](http://www.umvim.info) is the **VIM website for our denomination**. and see opportunities for service around the nation and the world, as well as sites designated for youth teams, families, etc.

[www.pen-del.org](http://www.pen-del.org) is the **website of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference**. Up to date trip and resource listings and a link to the blog may be found by clicking on the VIM part of the home page.

### **Email News via Listserv:**

To receive **email updates** about Volunteers in Mission , send an email to [VIMNews-subscribe@pecometh.org](mailto:VIMNews-subscribe@pecometh.org) and you will be added to a listserv email group that receives updates from the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and the general church.

### **Resource Persons**

Members of the Conference VIM Committee are available to answer questions and come to your church as a guest speaker. Team members with asterisk are also equipped to come to your church and train your VIM Team in preparation for a VIM Trip.

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