



"to equip the local congregation
to extend the Kingdom of God"

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Dear Youth Leader/Youth Pastor,

Great News! There is a special opportunity coming for you and the youth leaders of your church. Instead of the annual fall Youth Leaders' Retreat, the State Youth Ministry Team is sponsoring a group ***Urban Mission and Service Experience*** to Chicago. We will be serving under the leadership of CSM (Center for Student Missions) the weekend of **October 15-17, 2010**.

During this weekend, our youth leaders will be networking and sharing together as well as getting **excited about serving others!** We want leaders to see possibilities during the weekend that can be transferred back home to youth groups- no matter the size or location of your church.

TRANSPORTATION

Each person is responsible for getting to the First Church of God in St. Joseph, MI, meeting at **1:00 P.M. on Friday, Oct. 15th**. We will then pack up and travel in 15 passenger vans to Chicago together. During the weekend, CSM provides each van with a host/hostess who will guide us to work sites, share about the ministries, teach us about inner city ministry, and work with us.

ACCOMMODATIONS

We will stay at the CSM center on the North Park University campus in Chicago, giving participants a feel of inner city living. We eat breakfast at our housing site, pack a lunch to take with us, and our evening meals are eaten at ethnic restaurants which reflect the many cultures of Chicago.

MINISTRIES

Friday evening we will be part of an awesome prayer tour of Chicago. Saturday projects may include a combination of serving at a soup kitchen, various street ministries, food banks, etc. On Sunday, we will have the fantastic opportunity to worship in an inner city church. We are in the process of planning our weekend ministries with CSM to reflect our adult group, since they usually have teens.

COST/REGISTERING

Your cost for the weekend is \$90.00 (2 nights lodging & 6 meals). **We MUST have registrations with the \$20 non- refundable deposit per person by March 1 in order to reserve all the spots desired!** The remaining \$70 will be due on July 8. There is a maximum of 48 spots, so registrations will be handled on a first received basis.

We're praying that you will seriously consider joining us for this great experience. You will be touched and stretched whether you regularly serve in capacities similar to this, or have never done so. If you have further questions, please contact Connie Graham at 989- 835-9262 or cmymersgraham@chartermi.net.

You can find out more about CSM at www.csm.org - click on Chicago under the cities section. There is a video to watch and other information.