

TEAM FEES* AND EXPENSES

The **Team Confirmation Fee** is required to reserve mission dates and initiate processing. The amount of the fee is:
 \$25 for teams originating from Oklahoma
 \$50 for teams originating elsewhere

The **Team Administration Fee**, based on the formula below, is due when your number of team members is established:

For a mission of 3 or more days:
 \$75 for a team up to 15 members
 Add \$5 for each additional member

For a mission of 1 or 2 days:
 \$20 for a team up to 15 members for each day
 Add \$2 for each additional member

The **Insurance Fee** for coverage required for each member is: \$1 per team member, per day, including travel days.

Airline Arrangements for teams flying in to Oklahoma, when made by VIM, are subject to a flat fee of \$50 per team.

Materials to be used at Oklahoma sites require funding from the volunteer teams. Each team must budget \$25-\$50 per team member, per work day, for materials.

Volunteers always pay their own way. This can include food, lodging, transportation and other expenses, including tools and safety apparel.

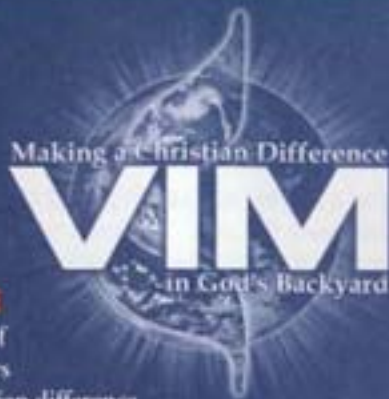
Team lodging, when arranged by VIM at local churches, is only \$3 per team member per night. Bring your own bedroll. The church kitchen and fellowship hall may be used by the team for meal preparation and serving, as well as meetings, worship and recreation.

Teams that prepare their own meals should budget approximately \$5-\$7 per person per day for groceries.

*Fees are subject to change. Please confirm fee amounts with VIM office.

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**OUR PURPOSE**

To share the love of Jesus Christ in ways that make a Christian difference.

OUR TASK

To share our abilities in partnership with our team members and those who host our teams. As servants, we participate in accomplishing particular goals set by, and in cooperation with, our hosts — in their time and in their way.

OUR VALUES

- 1 We will seek to glorify God in all that we do by acting on our belief that the commitment to Christ and service are inextricably bound together.
- 2 We will be an extension ministry of the United Methodist Church in Oklahoma, responding to the specific requests of Methodist-related churches and agencies, both locally and around the world, and will partner with them in mission.
- 3 We will equip our leaders and team members for effective ministry and seek, through our tasks and the sharing of our own time, talents, and lives, to build relationships that enhance ministry and fulfill our purpose.
- 4 We will value and respect other cultures and ways of life and will conduct ourselves accordingly.
- 5 We will fulfill our commitment to every mission by returning home and sharing the story of Christian difference-making.

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MISSION OPPORTUNITIES IN OKLAHOMA

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TO MAKE A CHRISTIAN DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OKLAHOMANS

VIM Oklahoma provides teams with a wide variety of short-term mission opportunities throughout the state. The following is a sampling of the types of projects that are available throughout the year. For more information or to schedule your next team mission, please call us at (405)530-2032 or visit our website at www.okumc.org/vim/ok.asp.

OPERATION I-CARE, OKLAHOMA CITY

Various Types of inner-city/urban ministry mission opportunities are available. Some of the options include: (1) neighborhood restoration; (2) working in food banks or pantries; (3) repairing homes of the physically or economically disadvantaged; and (4) ministering in shelters for homeless where you can express love in ways that make a Christian difference.

The summer months are the focus for this special ministry; however, VIM provides year-round team scheduling, including during school breaks and holiday seasons. Teams typically arrive on Sunday afternoon and work Monday through Friday before heading home on Saturday.

OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE (OIMC)

The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference was organized and established in 1844 to serve "distinctly Indian congregations" in Oklahoma. The boundaries have since been extended to include four churches in Kansas and one in Dallas, TX. Today there are 89 congregations in OIMC.

Many of the congregations are very small and include less than 50 members, frequently located "at the end of the road" in very rural areas. Others are small churches located in small cities and towns, while a few larger churches may be found in bigger cities. Many of the churches are historic, having been around since the tribes were forcibly removed from their homelands beginning in the early 1840s.

Most of the work will be new construction or repairs for OIMC congregations that could not afford to contract the work nor do it on their own. Many sites are in beautiful rural settings. Most OIMC churches prefer to conduct their own Bible Schools, but occasionally they ask for assistance from outside their congregation. Presently, there are no medical mission opportunities in OIMC.

LOCAL CHURCH-RELATED MISSIONS

Throughout the year, Oklahoma VIM works with the local churches of the Oklahoma Conference to determine the unmet needs of their physical facilities in which VIM assistance may be utilized. This may include churches, parsonages, fellowship halls, youth centers, campus ministry centers, and other projects, both refurbishment and new construction. Volunteers frequently can perform up to 90% of construction tasks. When volunteer labor is utilized, it can result in savings up to 45% of the normal construction costs, making possible many projects that otherwise could not have been afforded.

UNITED METHODIST CIRCLE OF CARE

Since 1917, Circle of Care has been helping people make better choices, live happier lives, and find hope and promise in their tomorrows by ministering to children, youth, and families in Oklahoma through residential and foster care.

Year-round construction, renovation and repair opportunities are available at the Boy's Ranch in Gore, Children's Home in Tahlequah, and Francis E Willard Ministry Center in Tulsa.

CAMPS AND RETREAT MINISTRY SITES

Year-round mission opportunities of all types and sizes are available at the conference's three camp and retreat sites—Camp Egan in Tahlequah, Canyon Camp in Hinton, and Cross Point Camp in Kingston.

OKLAHOMA DISASTER RESPONSE

When a disaster occurs in Oklahoma, Volunteers in Mission works in partnership with the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference's disaster response coordinator and responds by sending teams to assist in the recovery efforts. Tasks often include cleanup, carpentry, roofing and rebuilding homes. All skills levels are needed for these projects.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

- Youth Groups
- United Methodist Women
- Keenagers (those around 60 or older)
- United Methodist Men
- Sunday School Classes
- Families
- Single Groups

- God's people from United Methodist churches and other denominations
- Groups whose members feel they can truly make a difference through personal service in mission

Skills are optional; willing hands are necessary. There will be work for every person, of any age, who is willing to participate.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The Oklahoma VIM mission site you select is an opportunity for you to serve Jesus Christ and be personally involved in fulfilling a real and great need. You will be one of dozens of volunteer teams to serve at various sites in Oklahoma. Count on having a great experience with fellow missionaries and the local people while enjoying the fellowship of the wonderful family of God.

SITE SELECTION PROCESS

The VIM office will help you make your mission become a reality.

First, give prayerful thought to generally what type of mission you wish to go on. In doing this you might want to consider your God-given gifts. A mission may reflect a combination of two or more types of mission work.

Second, decide on specific dates, or multiple choices of dates for which your team members will be available to go. They determine approximately how many team members you will be taking. Throughout this process, feel assured that the site where God wants to send you will emerge.

With that information in hand, contact the VIM office. The staff may already have a "best match" mission site to offer your team, or the search process may be necessary. Those sites of interest will be contacted by the VIM staff for availability and additional information about the site and mission.

Once a site is selected, VIM will work with the team leader to make the necessary arrangements for travel, lodging, insurance and other needs of the team. An infrastructure will be provided for the organization of the team and preparation for the mission. This includes ensuring that the Team Leader is properly trained and qualified to assume responsibility for the team. Throughout the preparation process and the duration of the mission, the VIM office will be available as backup to the Team Leader.