

NATIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



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

- ✦ 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.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ We will value and respect other cultures and ways of life and will conduct ourselves accordingly.
- ✦ We will fulfill our commitment to every mission by returning home and sharing the story of Christian difference-making.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Volunteers In Mission

Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church
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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 from elsewhere

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

- \$75 for a team up to 15 members
- Add \$5 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, when made by VIM, are subject to a flat fee of \$50 per team.

Materials to be used at mission sites requires funding from the volunteer team and varies from site to site.

Volunteers always pay their own way. Once a mission site and schedule have been determined, the Oklahoma VIM office will work with the Team Leader to establish a budget and per-person cost based on the total estimated costs of food, lodging, transportation, team fees and other necessary expenses.

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

BECOME A PART OF THIS MINISTRY BY CONTACTING:

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Oklahoma VIM National Mission Opportunities

TO MAKE A CHRISTIAN DIFFERENCE IN EVERY STATE OF THE U.S.A.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Moving beyond mission opportunities in Oklahoma, but short of going out to other nations, numerous mission opportunities abound throughout the United States.

Across our country there are needs to be met where you may share the love of Jesus Christ in ways that make a Christian difference. Varied types of missions are available for those who wish to offer personal service in places and with people whose culture may be different from your own. The work will also be interesting and diverse such as:

- Construction
- Home and facility repairs
- Bible school
- Inner city ministry
- Other skills, such as sewing, gardening or artistry

Teams typically plan their missions to arrive on Sunday afternoon and work Monday through Friday before heading home on Saturday. However, other schedules may be arranged.

Lodging is usually arranged by the VIM staff and the local site team. Different sites will have various sleeping accommodations. At some sites, teams will prepare their own meals, while at others the meals are provided.

When needed, the VIM office can arrange group airfare for a team for a flat fee of \$50.

MISSION SCHEDULING

Many of the sites offer year-round mission opportunities; others may be seasonal. The Oklahoma VIM office, which schedules teams throughout the year, will be able to advise of conditions and site availability in areas of interest.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

- Youth groups
- United Methodist Women
- Keenagers (those around 60 and older)
- United Methodist Men
- Sunday School Classes
- Families
- Singles 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.

SITE SELECTION PROCESS

The vastness of the USA and the lack of familiarity with what mission opportunities are available can be a bit overwhelming at times. A course of action offered through the VIM office can help you make your mission in another state become a reality.

First, give prayerful thought about 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, consider in what general areas of the United States you wish to serve. This may be determined somewhat by distance and travel time.

Third, decide on specific dates, or multiple choices of dates, your team members will be available to go. Then 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.



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