

Youth Group Mission Program of North Presbyterian Church

Purpose:

The Youth Group Mission Program of North Presbyterian Church seeks to give Junior and Senior High Youth (grades 7-12) the opportunity to serve God in mission on a local, state, regional, national, and global basis. The purpose of these trips is to help our youth grow in faith, share God's love with people in need through the use of their talents and gifts, and discern God's call on their lives.

The Four Year Plan:

During the course of the high school years a youth can expect to be engaged on a regular basis in local ministry through monthly engagement in mission in Buffalo and Western New York, and then on a rotating basis each summer in four key mission experiences:

1. Local/State (e.g., Buffalo, NY, Dunkirk, NY, or a local camp that may need our help)
2. Regional (generally Northeast, North and Mid-Atlantic, and Mid-West, normally within a day's drive)
3. National (such as New Orleans, Louisiana; Dallas, Texas; or an Indian reservation)
4. International (such as Puerto Rico, Mexico or Haiti)

Youth Input:

The above plan is a guideline to how we will do missions, but it is not set in stone. The input of our youth is important, and participation in the fundraisers and the mission project will also earn a voice in selecting future mission projects.

Financing:

Normally the youth and their families will be expected to pay a \$50 upfront deposit. Sometimes, (especially Years 1 & 2 of our rotation) this deposit may be partially refunded depending on participation in the fundraisers. On the other hand, youth may be asked to contribute an additional amount depending on the nature of the trip (especially in Years 3 & 4). The remaining funds are generated by fundraisers, donations, church contributions, and grants.