



## **United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Trip – Disaster Recovery**

**For Spring Break Trip: March 17-24, arriving dinner Sunday & departing lunch on Friday**

**Where:** Rockport/Port Arthur Area in Rio Texas Conference

**Who:** 9 UM Campus Ministries: ESU, Fort Hays, UNL, UNK, KWU, Southwestern, K-State, KU, WSU

**Cost:** \$150-200/ person for gas, honorarium for meals and housing, Peace with Justice Grant may offer supplemental funds for meals.

- We need a solid firm count of participants to Hollie Tapley by February 1st. At that time she will plug our number into the UMCOR matrix for a work location. Once we have the location, we will be able to solidify housing and meals for the week.
- Groups will be responsible for planning and paying for their own transportation to Texas.
- Our thought for meals if we are all staying in one location is to do a light breakfast, have students make a sack lunch daily, and then to assign groups responsibilities for making dinner each evening. This plan does not include meals while you travel, but would include meals Sunday evening through Friday lunch.
- If we are in a common location there would be some sort of breakout session each night to debrief the days work and to share in worship.
- Program cost for the week would be covered through the Great Plains Annual Conference.
- It is highly encouraged that those traveling on this trip be certified through Safe Gatherings. Knowing this may not be possible at all sites, we are recommending a ratio of one trained volunteer to every five untrained volunteers.

Here are some thoughts about budgeting for a mission trip of this nature.

- For travel take the number of miles round trip and divide that number by the mpg of the vehicle you will be driving. That will give you the number of gallons of gas you need for the trip. Take that number times the cost of gas per gallon. I always overestimate this number. For example let's say the trip is 2000 m total and you are driving a church van that gets 10 mpg. This vehicle will need 200 gallons of gas for this trip. Gas currently is around \$2.50 a gallon, but to be safe, let's use a figure of \$3.00 a gallon. This means you will need \$600.00 for gas. Remember there will be additional mileage transporting students to work sites.
- For food budget at least \$15.00 per person per day. I typically tell students they are on their own for meals while we travel. Once we know if there is a common kitchen, and have a head count, we should be able to nail this cost down.
- Work Trip Insurance will be required for all participants. Typically this is figured at a rate of so much per person per day. Work trip insurance is a higher cost than general trip insurance. I will get the exact figure from the conference, but I would start budgeting with a figure of \$5 per person per day.
- Remember that income from participants is only one source of how to pay for a trip. In addition to registration costs, you can budget direct monies from you annual budget and budget for gifts from individuals and groups that support what you are doing.

