



**Evangelical
Presbyterian Church**
of NEWARK DELAWARE

Short-Term Mission Trips

Information Packet for Summer 2024

Starting out...

Here is some basic information to provide an overview of both the Senior and Junior High Mission Trips. We look forward to serving alongside you!

Who can I contact for additional guidance?

If you need help or have additional questions, please contact your mission trip leaders for both mission trips, Caleb Evans or Micah Freer.

- Caleb Evans: caleb@epcnewark.org or 864-270-2612 (c)
- Micah Freer: micah@epcnewark.org or 302-409-5436 (c)

Senior High Students

- **When is it happening?**
 - June 23-28 (Sunday-Friday).
- **Who are we partnering with?**
 - We are partnering with **Urban Promise** in Wilmington, Delaware. Their vision is to “equip children and young adults through Christ with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, personal growth and servant leadership.” You can find more information @ urbanpromise.org/.
- **What can I expect each day to be like?**
 - Each day, youth will wake around 7:00am to begin preparing for the day. They will have a full breakfast (every meal has several options, including gluten free), pack their own lunches (from the food provided), and enjoy guided devotionals. Around 8:30am, youth will be partnered with a small group (like in VBS) as they move from station to station doing various activities and learning new things. Lunch happens around noon. Around 1:00pm, youth will then head to a project site to repair houses until 4:00pm.
 - Following the workday, youth will shower at the local YMCA and head back for free-time, a full dinner, devotionals, games, and more free-time.
- **Do I need to be present each day?**
 - Yes, it is important that youth are fully present from beginning to end of the event.
- **What type of projects will I be working on?**
 - There will be social ministry in the morning (befriending youth middle school and younger) and hands-on ministry in the afternoon with painting, roofing, or concluding other home repairs. There will be project leaders from Urban Promise to help educate youth, in addition to EPC leadership.
- **Where will I be staying?**
 - The mission trip is local and will be based out of a church outside Wilmington, Delaware.
- **What are the sleeping arrangements like?**
 - More information (like packing lists) will be shared with time, however, there are separate “wings” of the church: one for men and one for women. There is absolutely no sharing of spaces between genders. Instead, there are commonplaces for men and women to hangout (like the gym) with tables, chairs, and games throughout the week.
- **Will there be EPC leadership represented?**
 - Caleb Evans, Micah Freer, and other EPC leaders will be present. There will be at least two men and two women to ensure everything goes smoothly overnight.
- **How much money will I need to fundraise for?**
 - We will help guide the fundraising process with ideas, examples, and more. However, youth will be tasked with raising money to support the needs of the mission. This will cover everything from materials to van rentals to food for the full week.

Junior High Students

- **When is it happening?**
 - August 8-10 (Thursday-Saturday).
- **Who will we be partnering with?**
 - We are partnering with two organizations, each for a full day of service.
 - **Blessings of Hope** in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. This organization helps feed individuals and families struggling with low-income food scarcity throughout the wider region. You can find more information @ blessingsofhope.com/.
 - **Sunday Breakfast Mission** in Wilmington, Delaware. This organization helps those who are homeless, struggling with addictions, or impoverished with meals, shelter, counseling, and biblical training. You can find more information @ sundaybreakfastmission.org/.
- **What can I expect each day to be like?**
 - Each day, youth will wake around 7:00am to begin preparing for the day. We will have a full breakfast (each meal will have several options, including gluten free), youth will pack their own lunches (from the food provided), enjoy devotionals, and begin work on the project site between 9:00-4:00pm.
 - Following the workday, youth will shower at a local EPC family's home and head back for free-time, a full dinner, devotionals, games, and more free-time. There will be a show-and-tell on Saturday evening for families to learn about the work.
- **Do I need to be present each day?**
 - Yes, it is important that youth are fully present from beginning to end.
- **What type of projects will I be working on?**
 - Blessings of Hope: work will include assembling and organizing large shipments of surplus food and repackaging them for community use.
 - Sunday Breakfast Mission: we will be assisting in their back-to-school rally to help distribute backpacks full of school supplies.
- **Where will I be staying?**
 - We will be based out of Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Newark, DE.
- **What are the sleeping arrangements like?**
 - More information (like packing lists) will be shared with time, however, there are separate “wings” of the EPC church we will be using: one for men (classrooms above gym) and one for women (balcony above sanctuary). There is absolutely no sharing of spaces between genders. Instead, there are commonplaces for men and women to hangout (like the gym and youth room) with tables, chairs, and games throughout the week.
- **Will there be EPC leadership represented?**
 - Caleb Evans, Micah Freer, and other EPC leaders will be present. There will be at least two men and two women to ensure everything goes smoothly overnight.
- **How much money will I need to fundraise for?**
 - We will help guide the fundraising process with ideas, examples, and more. However, youth will be tasked with raising money for the mission. This will cover everything from materials to van rentals to food for the full week.