

Hello youth and parents of youth,

This is a letter to give you the information about the summer mission week, called ReCreation, for our youth. The Youth Council has chosen the week of **July 25 - July 31, 2010** for the trip. This date was selected based on an email poll of the youth and adult chaperones who are interested in attending.

ReCreation, for those who are new, is our youth mission trip. It is an opportunity for youth who have completed grades 7-12 to share their faith through a home repair mission in a low income area. The sponsoring organization is based in Asheville, NC (which is where the youth and chaperones stay), but the projects take place primarily in the rural areas outside of that city. I am happy to answer questions about the program and you can find further information on their website: <http://www.recreationexperiences.org>.

The cost per person for ReCreation itself is \$335. This cost covers meals, lodging, most work site materials and a T-Shirt for each participant. There is an additional cost for one or two meals while traveling and activities on their day off. The youth group fundraises for the trip - we have always been able to cover the costs of transportation and additional supplies (which are considerable).

This year we are making two changes to our program.

- We will be covering half of the cost of ReCreation for our chaperones, who generously give up vacation time to take our youth on this outing.
- We will be asking our participants to pay the total \$335 before they attend. Any amounts that we raise that exceed the cost of transportation, supplies, and chaperones will be refunded equally to the participants after the trip. We have made this change because it is very difficult to know the total costs of these items until the trip is completed. Usually, though, we do raise well more than our base costs.

Please do not let cost be a factor in choosing whether or not to go. Come talk to me - we can always work out something.

We ask that participants work in the majority of our ReCreation fundraisers. Our two major fundraisers are our variety show, Celebrate Broadway and the Car Wash. We also have calendar sales, "Rock the Church", and working "Kid's Day Out" for the preschool.

To declare your intention to go, please return the next page with a \$100 non-refundable deposit to hold your spot. (Checks should be made out to St. George's UMYF.) You can put these commitment forms in my mailbox at church. I need a count of participants by Christmas so I can reserve our spot.

Again, let me know if you have any questions.

Karen Emmons

FOR YOUTH GROUP STUDENTS:

My child, _____, will be going on the Recreation mission trip from July 25 – July 31, 2010. Attached is our non-refundable deposit of \$100. The remaining \$235 will be due by April 15, 2010.

Parent Signature

Date

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BEING AN ADULT CHAPERONE:

_____ would like to go on the Recreation mission trip from July 25 – July 31, 2010 as an adult chaperone. I realize our Director of Discipleship will do a background check on me, if I do not have a current one on file at the church. Attached is my non-refundable deposit of \$100. The remaining \$67.50 will be due by April 15, 2010.

Signature

Date