

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 **June 24 – June 30, 2012** 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, chaperone fees, and additional supplies (which are considerable).

Two things to know:

- We cover 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 in two payments. One by Feb 12 and one by May 1.

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 try to 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 February 12th so I can reserve our spot and sign our contract.

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 **June 24 – June 30, 2012**. Attached is our non-refundable deposit of \$100. The remaining \$235 will be due by May 1, 2012.

Parent Signature

Date

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BEING AN ADULT CHAPERONE:

_____ would like to go on the Recreation mission trip from **June 24 – June 30, 2012** 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 May 1, 2012.

Signature

Date