

January 5, 2018

Dear Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area members and friends,

I am excited to announce a mission trip experience to Denham Spring, Louisiana (near Baton Rouge) to assist in disaster recovery, clean-up, and rebuilding from the major 2016 Louisiana flooding. This is in collaboration with the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please see the details below and respond quickly as the date is rapidly approaching!

**Dates:** Saturday, April 7 through Saturday April 15, 2018

**Cost:** \$150 per person (does not include incidentals including food while traveling, souvenirs, and a dinner out)

**Reservation and Deposit:** After talking with someone from the planning team: Ken Wooley: 715-222-1063, Brenda Alexander: 651-900-3119 or Corinne Freedman Ellis: 630-935-7041, please send a deposit of \$50 to the Presbytery Office by February 16, 2018 to reserve your spot. Check payable to: *Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, 2115 Cliff Drive, Eagan, MN 55122*

The remaining balance of \$100 will be paid online at the orientation meeting held on February 25. Bring a credit card to do this.

**Transportation:** One (or two) 12 passenger van/s will be reserved for travel to and from Baton Rouge. A second van is needed for tools and the team's belongings. To volunteer a van, please contact me ASAP. These vans will leave Saturday morning, April 7. Details will be discussed at the orientation meeting. However, you may choose to drive separately, carpool or fly and meet up with the group in Denham Springs, LA. (several miles from Baton Rouge.)

The goal will be to get to Memphis, Tennessee by Saturday night April 7. We will leave early Sunday morning and arrive for dinner and orientation by Sunday evening in Louisiana. After working until Friday about noon we will hit the road, have an overnight, and be home in the Twin Cities by Saturday evening.

For those who may want to fly, we can try to help with transportation to and from the airport however you will be responsible for the cost of the flight.

**Work Week:** We will begin our volunteer work on Monday, April 9 and end on Friday, April 13. There will be one partial day for some sightseeing, which will also include a meal at a restaurant in the area for your trip cost planning.

**Orientation Meeting:** Let's plan for an orientation and get acquainted time on Sunday, February 25, 2018 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm with conversation and a potluck dinner at Macalester Plymouth Church in St. Paul. This will give us an opportunity to meet with one another and make final arrangements. Attendance is required for team building and information sharing.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me. My cell is 651-900-3119, the landline is 651-748-1208 and my email is [bk.alexander@live.com](mailto:bk.alexander@live.com). Leadership for this trip is Ken Wooley (First Presbyterian Church, Hudson), and Brenda Alexander (Chair of Mission and Witness Com, PTCA and Honorable Retired.)

I trust Christ will be at work in us and through our mission trip experience.

With love in Christ,

*Brenda K. Alexander*

Rev. Brenda K. Alexander

Mission and Witness Committee, PTCA