DC Service Project: November 20-22, 2026

(Registration Deadline November 8 or when Registration Filled)

Groups of COB churches, with the help of the ANE District, are sponsoring a service project in the Washington, DC area. We invite any other COB church **Senior High age group** to participate in the Service Weekend.

Cost: $30 per youth (covers 3 meals and lodging), advisor registration covered

The projects ANTICIPATED will be:

- Partnering with "The Widow's Pantry" (https://widowspantry.org/), preparing and serving food to homeless or deserving individuals and/or families in DC.
- Volunteering with "A Wider Circle" (https://awidercircle.org/), sorting or stocking donations of furniture, household items, and adult professional clothing in a warehouse setting. *Volunteers will need to create an account via A Wider Circle's online portal in addition to submitting required paperwork for district youth events. See details in "Required paperwork" section on next page.

Service Project Details

The weekend is limited to 30 Senior High Youth including advisors. Please forward required paperwork and payment to the District Office. By sending the completed paperwork BY NOV 8th deadline, you are committing that those individuals will be participating. (Transportation to DC provided by participants' church or churches grouping together – if transportation is a deal breaker, see Ed Haldeman.)

OUTLINE OF WEEKEND:

- Arrive Friday, November 20th, Hempfield COB at 5:30 pm to pack and depart 6:00 pm. We will arrive at our lodging destination (Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5533 16th St N, Arlington, VA 22205) around 9:00 – 9:30 pm. Bring a sleeping bag and something to sleep on if you wish (there are no beds), toiletries, work clothes, closed-toed shoes, and nicer clothing for Sunday's church service. Showers will be available.
- Saturday's work project day, we will provide breakfast Saturday morning and a bag lunch Saturday while on project. Saturday night we will most likely go out for dinner (your expense – fast food meal, casual dress). Please advise us of special dietary needs regarding supplied meals.
- Sunday, we will provide breakfast and then off to worship at St. Stephen's Baptist Church in Temple Hills (https://www.ssbcmd.org/) (suggest you bring offering money). We will leave from there to arrive back at Hempfield COB late afternoon. If more specific details are desired, contact Ed Haldeman.

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ATTENTION Advisors:

Leaders are expected to abide by your church's requirements for clearances and behavior as well as submit all necessary forms to the ANE District Office to allow you and your respective youth to participate in this service project. All required forms are linked below.

Required paperwork for participation:

Forms for advisor to complete:

- Registration Form (one per church)
- Congregational Verification Form (The District Office must have one on file from 2026; if your church already submitted this year, there is no need to submit again.)

Forms for each youth to complete, signed by a parent/guardian:

- Media and medical release (must print to sign)

Forms for A Wider Circle Project Participants:

- A Wider Circle Group Volunteer Pre-Visit Information (Review this document for more information about the project, but wait to create a Volunteer Account until you receive confirmation that you are assigned to this project after November 8.)

Please submit all forms and payment to the District Office by Nov. 8 by mail (Atlantic Northeast COB, 500 E Cedar St Elizabethtown, PA 17022), or email to mfitzkee@ane-cob.org.

For questions, contact Ed Haldeman of Hempfield COB at edwardhaldeman@gmail.com or (717) 314-5426.

This service opportunity has been offered in some form for the last 25+ years, and it is a great opportunity to "let your light shine" and serve as Christ's hands and feet!