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God in the City

St. Paul's & St. Christopher's Urban Mission Weekend
Hosted by DOOR Network
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Chicago

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Why DOOR Network? DOOR offers a weekend service option in Chicago, hosted by year round professional staff that have relationships and networks in the neighborhoods where we will be serving. DOOR also is theologically progressive and will be a good fit for our Episcopal group.

Why Chicago? The city of Chicago has a population of 3 million, and the Chicago metro area is comprised of nearly 10 million people. Chicago is an obvious choice for us; it is a short drive for a weekend trip and familiar to many. What you may not have experienced on a trip to Chicago are the facts of the city's urban poverty: in the last 10 years, Chicago's homeless population has skyrocketed, due to the city's demolition of housing projects. There are now 14 shelters that exclusively serve in-tact families; in 2000 there were only 4. Women with children comprise 34% of the homeless population.

Chicago Public Schools have a 50% graduation rate, and 86% of CPS students live at or below the poverty line. The average cost of a two-bedroom apartment in the city is \$1,736 — it would take 52 hours per week at minimum wage just to pay the rent.

What is an Urban Mission Trip with DOOR like? An urban mission trip will be an exciting, challenging, and transformative experience. We will experience the city through the eyes of our DOOR staff, our mission partners and those we work with. We will eat at our housing site and pack a bag lunch, learn about systemic urban poverty what being homeless in Chicago must feel like in January. We will be working with people whose lives are directly impacted by your presence. We will also have the opportunity to attend Sunday morning church with Christians whose liturgical style is very different than our own. We will be using Chicago public transportation for the weekend.

When is the trip? We will leave at 4pm on Friday, January 12th and return in the evening on Sunday, January 14th. January 15th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, so students will be able to catch up on sleep and schoolwork on Monday. Students that are in the choir are encouraged to go; please talk to Mr. Hughley. We want everyone to participate! The deadline for registration is December 22nd.

Where will we stay and where will we eat? We will be housed in one of DOOR's partner churches: First Church of the Brethern. We will be sleeping on the floor in classrooms, so please bring a sleeping mat (twin size). Breakfast will be simple and easy at our housing site, and lunch will be a sack lunch. Dinner will be made by us at our housing site. First Church has a significant prescene and history and Dr. Martin Luther King and the Southern Leadership Conference held their Chicago offices in their church, and Dr. King preached from their pulpit.

Who may go? Youth in 6th-12th grades. Friends are always welcome to attend. We also need several adults to join us! Please contact Erica for more information about friends participating, or if you know of an adult that would be a great addition to our team. Adults need to be known to the church for at least 6 months and require a background check.

How much? The cost to participants for the weekend is \$100. This includes all food, transportation and programming. Full and partial scholarships are always available. There is no need for spending money on this trip, unless you would like a DOOR shirt.

Where do I sign up? You may find all the registration forms on our website: www.stpaulsindy.org/youth Our deadline is December 22nd. Early registration is recommended. Late registrations may not be possible.

Wait! I have more questions! Please give Erica a call at 253-1277 or ejeglum@stpaulsindy.org or Fr. Stephen at or sapplegate@stchris Carmel.org or 317-846-8716

