

January 7, 2019

Dear Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area members and friends,

I am excited to announce a second mission trip experience to New Bern, North Carolina to assist in disaster recovery, clean-up, and rebuilding from the major flooding from Hurricane Florence. 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, March 30 through Sunday, April 7, 2019

**Cost:** \$250 per person (does not include incidentals including food while traveling, and souvenirs.

**Reservation and Deposit:** After talking with someone from the planning team: Ken Wooley: 715-222-1063, or Brenda Alexander: 651-900-3119, please send a deposit of \$150 to the Presbytery Office by February 15, 2019 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 24. Bring a credit card to do this.

**Transportation:** Two passenger vans will be reserved for travel to and from New Bern. A third van or SUV is needed for tools and the team's belongings. To volunteer a van, please contact me ASAP. These vans will leave Saturday morning, March 30. 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 New Bern, NC.

The goal will be to get to Dayton, Ohio by Saturday night March 30. We will leave early Sunday morning and arrive for dinner and orientation by Sunday evening in New Bern. After working through most of Friday, after a quick meal, drive several hours, stop and continue Saturday. This would help us arrive home Sunday afternoon, allowing those who work to relax a little before Monday morning.

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 1 and end on Friday, April 5. There will be one partial day for some sightseeing, which will also include a meal at a restaurant in the area.

**Orientation Meeting:** Let's plan for an orientation and get acquainted time on Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm with conversation and a potluck dinner. Location to be determined. 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