

Two months from today we will arrive in South Dakota, meet the Next Step staff, meet two other youth groups and find out our project assignments for the week! We have lots of things to do before that trip and all are listed below but we are prayerfully looking forward to our time in Pine Ridge. This past winter they have suffered with some incredibly cold weather as well as some of the worst flooding they have ever experienced which blocked access to food, clean water and mobility for many weeks and the need for rebuilding and support is even greater than before.

[New York times article on Pine Ridge Flooding](#)

We have 4 spots left on our trip for students and are in need of one more leader to join us. Please let me know if you have other students interested in coming or you're a willing adult able to join us. We could also split up leadership duties- We could have 2 adults come as drivers June 14th-16th to get us to SD and then fly home. We could have two different leaders fly in June 20th and help drive us home on the 21st-23rd. Flights would be paid for. Lmk if you love driving and could do either of those shifts.

Here are the dates, payments, trip meeting and mandatory education nights coming up between now and June 14th.

### **South Dakota Mission Trip dates and activities.**

**Reminder- All students coming on the trip need to be at 2 of the 4 education events. The hours spent at the events count as scholarship hours if needed. We had one movie viewing already. The additional three are listed below. If you come to all four you can take an additional \$40 off your trip.**

**Saturday, April 27th- 12pm-4pm at WGUMC.**

**2nd Education activity- "CPR: Conversations on Race and Privilege"**

**You are invited to attend another kind of CPR... Conversations on Privilege and Race.**

**This CPR also save lives!** Deb St. Julien, Lisa Jacobs, Kat Kraynick-Baker, and your 3 pastors (Pastors Amy Beth, Rebecca, and Mariellen) have been talking about our need to begin conversations concerning "privilege and race," CPR! A group at Sacred Heart Community Service has a program called "Showing up for Racial Justice" that leads these kinds of discussions. We would like to invite you to an afternoon of education, discussion and reflection about race, privilege, historical and current systems of racial injustice and how our faith impacts our response to these issues. The time will be interactive with activities, videos and discussions. Please join in this afternoon of CPR, *Saturday, April 27, 2019, noon to 4pm*, in Woodhaven Retreat Center. Lunch will be provided. 4 credit hours.

\*Adults and students invited to this. it is not specific to South Dakota trip attendance but for any one in the JYM and our churches interested in this topic.

Please RSVP to me if you are coming.

**May 5th- 7:00pm-7:30pm- All student and parent trip meeting after youth group at CPUMC**

**Second trip payment due- \$400.** You can bring a check made out to WGUMC-JYM or pay online. If you are using scholarship hours from Afternoon at County fair or other events, please fill out that form with your partial payment.

**Trip paperwork filled out and due-** Click here to fill out the paperwork for your trip through Next Step's website- [Paperwork Link](#). The first 10 families who fill out paperwork will get \$15 off the trip.

**Saturday, May 11th- 11am-4:30pm**

**3rd Education activity Stanford Powwow.**

Meet at Cambrian Park to pack a picnic lunch and travel up to the Stanford Powwow where dozens of different tribes will be performing their tribal dances, drum circles and more. We will participate, watch and learn together. We will return to CPUMC by 4:30pm. 3 credit hours

**Monday, May 27th- 6pm-7:30pm-**

**4th Education activity- Potluck dinner, short documentary viewing and discussion at CPUMC. 1 credit hour.**

**June 9th- \$350- Final payment.** The final payment for the trip (\$1050 is the trip total. Hopefully you will have made a \$300 and \$400 deposit prior to this with payment or hours) is due online or with a check made out to WGUMC-JYM. You can use partial payment with scholarship hours accrued as well.

**June 13th- 5:00pm-6:00pm-** Stuff drop off and commissioning service for students and families at Cambrian Park UMC.

**June 14th- 7:00am- Leave from CPUMC for SOUTH DAKOTA!**