

Epiphany United Methodist Church
JUNIOR HIGH TEEN MISSIONS

June 13-19, 2021

CLEVELAND 2021
JANUARY 16TH-18TH



INFORMATION PACKET

EPIPHANY UMC JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT MISSIONS TRIP

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The Who, What, When, Where, Why and How:

WHO Should Sign Up? The Faithful, Available, Teachable

This trip is open to all students who are currently in 6th-8th grade. We have a limited amount of spots that have already been reserved for our group. If we have a great turnout we will need to see if we can add more. I will also have to insist that we have some parents or responsible adults attend this trip with me. We will need a handful of adult men and women who are willing to help me. If we do not get the adult support for this trip we will be forced to have to only take so many teens, so please check your calendar. **YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO COME!!!** And honestly, every parent ought to go at least once with their teen. It will be a memorable experience you will share together for the rest of your lives.

Students currently in grades 6-8 who want to participate in this trip must understand the work that will be doing. The work that we will be given will be strenuous. But the reward of knowing that you contributed to assist someone who needs help will be significant. Keeping this in mind, any student who wants to be considered for the Cleveland trip must do 4 things to qualify for official CONSIDERATION to participate:

- A.) Fill out the ENTIRE application by Sunday, March 14, 2021.
- B.) Turn in a \$100 non-refundable deposit (pending your acceptance to the team). **Total cost is \$450.00**
- C.) Commit to being active in our Student Ministries if you are not already involved. We want you to begin experiencing missions here first and get to know other students before we head out for our trip!

After these 3 steps are accomplished, a tentative decision will be made with the Student Ministries Leadership Team on the participation of each student. If there are any concerns or questions we will direct them privately to the parents and the teen in question.

WHO is our Host Organization?

A year round program of The North Coast District of The United Methodist Church; The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland rebuilds the lives and homes of the physically and fiscally challenged of Cleveland through volunteer mission teams that improve living environments in order to sow seeds of hope for individuals and neighborhoods.



WHAT?

A typical work day begins with breakfast between 7 & 7:30am. We provide the food, you prepare it based upon the desires of your team. Your team is then responsible for cleaning up the dining room, washing the dishes, putting away food and cleaning up the kitchen. Then it is time to pack your lunches. We provide the food, you pack the lunches. We will provide coolers and ice. Once again, put away the food and clean up the kitchen. We try to have you on your work site between 8:30 and 9am depending on the distance from the mission. You will take breaks as needed and eat lunch on the site when you determine you are ready. Most teams will work till around 4pm then return to the mission. (If your team is primarily of Junior High age, you will probably only work till about 2:30pm.) Our cook will prepare your dinner and have it ready for you between 5:30 and 6:00pm. Following dinner we ask that you clean up the dining room and kitchen, remove trash, and wash the dishes. In the evenings we will have team debriefing as well as some special activities which will include Huntington Beach, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum, and a day at Cedar Point.



WHEN?

June 13th-19th. Departure and arrival times will be solidified as we get closer to the date.

WHERE?

The Nehemiah Mission is located on the West Side of Cleveland at West 65th and Bridge Avenue. (6515 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102)

HOW? (Transportation)

All traveling will be done by van. Typically we take 2-15 passenger vans and 1 cargo van. Vans are rented from Mike Alberts.

HOW (MUCH)?

TOTAL COST: \$450.00

WHY?

As Christians, we are called to serve God's children. In Matthew 25, Christ tells us that when we are serving one another, we are in essence serving Him. Come serve and learn from the body of Christ in Cleveland!

For more information on our trip and the host organization feel free to go to this link:
<http://www.nehemiahmission.org>.



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COMMITMENT FORM

By signing this form, I am indicating that I would like to participate in the Epiphany United Methodist Church Junior High Student Missions Trip to Cleveland on June 13-19, 2021, subject to my acceptance for participation and my continuing demonstration of the spiritual maturity and gifts necessary for the mission.

I will also endeavor to secure the funds necessary to participate in the trip. I understand that all support checks and payment for the trip that I make should be made payable to Epiphany United Methodist Church, or endorsed over to Epiphany, and all monies will be recorded in a personal student support account set up in my name. I understand that this account will be established with my payment of the \$100 non-refundable deposit (due no later than Sunday, March 14th).

I fully understand that I have a **financial obligation** to the team. I understand that any and all funds placed in my account that go over the amount I need to raise will be transferred to an account of another person going on the trip. I also agree to participate in all fundraisers for the trip, and that all the funds I raise at those events will go generally towards the Cleveland trip sponsorship by Epiphany United Methodist Church, and not to my personal account.

I also have a **moral obligation** to act and behave as a Christian within the youth group. Any decision to ask a student to step down from going on the Cleveland trip is solely left up to the Student Ministries leadership team. If for some reason I am asked to step down from the team I understand that none of the funds I have raised will be returned to me but will remain contributions to Epiphany United Methodist Church which it may use for the Cleveland trip, other youth ministries, and/or other ministries of Epiphany United Methodist Church as it may deem appropriate in its sole discretion. I also agree to seek out forgiveness, restoration and repentance with any party I have wronged. If I am asked to step down, I hereby waive any and all interest I may have in the trip account established in my name and to any refund thereof, in whole or in part, whether contributed by me or by others on my behalf; and further hereby release Epiphany United Methodist Church, its pastors, staff and members, with respect to any and all claims I may have, if any, in connection with that determination.

Finally, I have a **team obligation**. I understand by signing this commitment form that I agree to participate in any and all fundraising, training, reading, memorization, and special meetings that may be required to properly prepare for the ministries and services I am expected to perform. We will have approximately 4 meetings between April through June. These meetings will help us to bond as a team and prepare us for the trip. I also have an obligation to abide by the rules and boundaries set forth by the adult leaders of Epiphany United Methodist Church. I will contribute to the team through maintaining a Christ-like attitude and a positive team spirit all throughout the trip. I will forgo the "comforts" of my regular life in order to serve others during the time of this trip. I will work hard to maintain team unity throughout this adventure together. I will honor Jesus Christ above all in my actions, attitudes and behavior.

Name (print)

Signature

Date

As parent and/or legal guardian of the above named minor, I understand the commitment involved in the foregoing application to participate in the 2021 Cleveland Mission Project with Epiphany United Methodist Church Junior High on June 13-19, 2021. I am fully in agreement with, and adopt as my own, all that is stated above in the Commitment Form. I also grant my permission for the above-named minor to participate in this mission trip.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Attach a recent photo here please
if this is the first trip
you have participated in
with Epiphany UMC Youth Ministries.

Date Received _____

Deposit Received \$ _____

Received by _____

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APPLICATION FORM - PAGE 1

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ School: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Birth Date/Age: _____ Grade: _____

Group Coordinator: **Scott Russ / Epiphany United Methodist Church**
Church Address: **6635 Loveland-Miamiville Road**
Loveland, OH 45140
Church Phone Number: **(513) 677-9866**
Church Fax Number: **(513) 677-8198**
Cell Phone Number: **(513) 600-4790**
Church E-mail Address: scottruss86@gmail.com/sruss@epiphanyumc.org

Circle one:

- ☐ Student
☐ Adult Participant

Circle one:

- ☐ Male
☐ Female

T-shirt Size:

- ☐ Small ☐ Large
☐ Medium ☐ XL

Emergency Info: I consent to emergency medical treatment in the event of an accident during my student's involvement on the Cleveland trip with Epiphany United Methodist Church. I also release Epiphany United Methodist Church and Nehemiah Missions from any liabilities resulting from any accident. Also, please attach any medication, allergies of additional medical information applicable to your teen.

(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)

Emergency Phone Number Health Insurance Policy Number Health Insurance Carrier

Student Commitment: I understand that by participating in the Cleveland trip I expect God to challenge me to develop a lifestyle of service and progressing the kingdom of God in all areas of my life: at home, at school and at church!

(Student Signature)

I affirm this student meets the criteria to attend the Cleveland trip!

(Parent's Signature)

(Youth Pastor's Signature)

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APPLICATION FORM - PAGE 2

Questions for the Teen Applicant to Answer: (Use the back if you need to)

1. Specifically describe how you became a Christian.

2. Please state why you want to go on the missions trip, and list some goals you have for the trip.

3. As you have grown in your faith, how have you seen God changing you?

4. If you have participated in any Epiphany United Methodist Church Missions Trips in the past, which ones have you participated in and how have they affected you in your relationship with Christ and to others?

5. In what ways have you been involved in ministry at the church and/or at your school?

6. Can you participate in the local mission opportunities as they arise? Micro-Missions? 30 Hour Famine?

The Commitment Form and the Application Form should be completed and returned to the Epiphany United Methodist Church Student Ministries Office as soon as possible (due no later than Sunday, March 14, 2021). A \$100 deposit needs to be included, which will be non-refundable upon your acceptance to the team. If you mail in the application materials, send them to Epiphany United Methodist Church 6635 Loveland-Miamiville Rd. Loveland, OH. ATTN: Scott Russ.