St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Capitol Hill
3rd & A Sts SE,
Washington, DC

High School Service Trip 2019
Philadelphia, Episcopal Mission Center

SERVICE PARTNER
Episcopal Mission Center (More info – http://www.episcopalmissioncenter.org/)

LODGING
St. Margaret's Retreat House, Germantown Neighborhood (dorm-style living)

OUR TEAM
12 Youth (current 8th-12th grade)
4 Adult Leaders
EMC Staff

TRAVEL DETAILS
Sunday, June 16: Depart St. Mark's @ 2pm
Saturday, June 22: Return to St. Mark's @ 2pm
Transportation: 2 Vans

REQUIREMENTS
March 1: Registration DUE (1st Deposit)
May 5, 12, + 19: Stock Sale Sundays
May 19: Trip Participant Training, 4pm-7:30pm
June 2: Commissioning , 9am + Final Details Meeting, 12pm
August 27: Service Trips Celebration, 12pm-2pm

COST/FUNDRAISING
Program Cost: $800
March 1: $200 DUE
April 1- $400 DUE
June 1- Final balance after fundraising totals DUE
Fundraising- Group Stock Sale to raise money for individual trip costs + Individual Stock Sales applied to applied directly to final trip cost.

OVER

PARENTS

Participation: we need 4 adult leaders to join us for the trip

Support: help with fundraising, training time, Celebration, etc.

RESOURCES

EMC's Missional Moments Blog: http://www.episcopalmissioncenter.org/missional-moments-blog

Philadelphia

The people of Philadelphia are struggling. Here are some quick facts:

Education

- On average, only **50-60%** of students graduate high school
- **40%** of those graduates lack basic skills like an appropriate reading level
- Only about **23%** of graduates go on to a four year college
- **24** schools have been closed
- **4,000** teachers and school support staff have been laid off.
- Gov. Corbett has expanded tax breaks for corporations and the energy industry while cutting $1 billion from education statewide

Poverty

- More than **a quarter** of Philadelphia residents live in poverty
- **4 out of 5** American adults struggle with "near-poverty."
- More than **one-third** of all children in Philadelphia live in poverty
- Philadelphia ranks number 97 (among the largest 100 cities) in share of adults participating in the labor force (only 55.9%)
- About **1 in 5 children** will live in a household with no working parents..
- **1 in 5 Philadelphians**, or **260,000 people**, are considered at risk for hunger.
- **411,000** Philadelphia residents received help from a food pantry
- **464,000** Philadelphia residents rely on food stamps (now called SNAP) for food

Homelessness

- **12,053** individuals experienced homelessness in Philadelphia.
- At any given time there are about **650** people living on the streets
- Every year, outreach programs engage **5,500** persons living in cars, abandoned buildings, train/bus stations, and other places not meant for human habitation
- Causes of homelessness:

-Poverty from a lack of jobs at competitive living wages

-Lack of adequate public supports and/or earned benefits

-Lack of affordable housing and inadequate housing assistance

-Lack of affordable health care

-Domestic violence

-Mental Health challenges

-Substance use

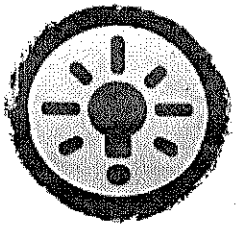
5 Marks of Mission



TELL

PRACTICE ACTIVE LOVE

The first step in living out the five marks of mission is to tell people they are loved, in word and deed. Find ways to begin telling your story.



TEACH

SHARE YOUR STORY

Share what you have learned about living missionally with others - discuss your understanding of what it means to love actively and work for justice.

ENGAGE IN PRACTICAL SERVICE



Look for the places where your gifts, talents, abilities, and experience can help bring healing and wholeness to the world around you.

TEND



WORK FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE

Further develop your understanding of injustice and be a part of reshaping the big picture, helping transform structures that lead to inequality and injustice.

TRANSFORM



REFLECT, RENEW, & RESTART

Take time to treasure what you have learned and reflect on valued relationships, important lessons, and areas for growth.

TREASURE

Our Service Partners of Philadelphia

A current list of organizations we partner with. **(May 2018)** The groups vary from advocacy, environmental action, soup kitchens, mentoring, and more. Listed below are a few our Philadelphia urban partners. We're always looking to develop more relationships with Philadelphia-based organizations.

Nutrition Ministry

Service Focus: Neighborhood nutrition

Through the various Community Nutrition Programs at St. Luke's Germantown we offer meals to 1,800 people a month. From breakfasts, lunches, dinners and Food Cupboard, serving meals to those in need.

URDC (Urban Resource Development)

Service Focus: housing needs of low and moderate income families.

RDC purchases and renovates abandoned or dilapidated houses and then sells them to first time home buyers.

- Aid For Friends (http://www.aidforfriends.org/)

Service Focus: Food insecurity; caring for elders

Greener Partners (http://greenerpartners.org/)

Service Focus: Farming and sustainability

Greener Partners seeks to create healthy communities through food, farms, and education. With a diverse range of projects throughout the Philadelphia region, they seek to make local food accessible by offering multiple ways of experiencing fresh, local food in our communities.

- Heeding God's Call (http://heedinggodscall.org/)

Service Focus: Anti-gun-violence advocacy

Heeding God's Call is a faith-based movement to prevent gun violence by uniting people of faith in the sacred responsibility to protect our sisters, brothers and children. They advocate for faith communities to make commitments to raise voices and take action to prevent gun violence. Heeding God's Call helps faith communities organize to publicly pressure local gun stores to adopt a set of practices to deter straw purchasing.

Aid For Friends seeks to alleviate hunger and loneliness for isolated, home-bound individuals. The organization serves around 2,200 people/year -- that makes them 10X bigger than any other meal service program in the area!

- Awbury Arboretum (http://awbury.org/)

Service Focus: Environmental Stewardship

The Awbury Arboretum seeks to preserve and interpret Awbury's historic house and landscape, thereby connecting an urban community with nature and history. Awbury hosts events throughout the year to teach neighbors in Germantown about farming and gardening.

- Bethesda Project (http://www.bethesdaproject.org/)

Service Focus: Homelessness, Addiction, Domestic Violence, & Mental Illness

Seeking God's guidance and believing that we are all members of one family, the mission of Bethesda Project is to find and care for the abandoned poor and to be family with those who have none.

- Center in the Park (http://www.centerinthepark.org/)

Service Focus: Caring for elders

Center in the Park is a non-profit community center in Northwest Philadelphia primarily focused on the needs of older people. The Center fosters respect, independence, and personal growth for each individual.

- City Camp (http://www.diopayouth.org/city-camp.html)

- MANNA (http://www.mannapa.org/)

Service Focus: Food access

Especially for people at acute nutritional risk due to life-threatening illness, MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance) prepares and delivers delicious nourishing meals and counsel, empowering individuals to battle illness and improve their quality of life.

- Philabundance (http://www.philabundance.org/)

Service Focus: Food access

Philabundance seeks to reduce hunger and food insecurity in the Delaware Valley by providing food access to people in partnership with organizations and individuals.

- Philadelphia Girls and Boys Club of America (http://www.bgcphila.org/)

Service Focus: Childhood development

In Philadelphia's most disadvantaged neighborhoods, 65% of children live in poverty and 54% do not complete high school. Boys and Girls Clubs offer young people in these communities a positive, safe place to learn and grow.

- Project Home (https://projecthome.org/)

Service Focus: Homelessness

Project HOME seeks to empower adults, children, and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty, to alleviate the underlying causes of poverty, and to enable all

Service Focus: Working with children

City Camp is an urban day camp adventure serving parishes of the Diocese of Pennsylvania to families in their local communities. Through creative and innovative activities and programs, children and you build community and encounter the Gospel through games, songs, storytelling, and more.

- The Episcopal Church of the Advocate (http://www.churchoftheadvocate.org/)

Service Focus: Urban Church Life and Neighborhood Revitalization

The Advocate Center for Culture and Education (ACCE, pronounced ace) unites community residents, volunteers, churches, service providers and educational institutions in a cooperative effort of mutual support and learning to improve the life prospects and well-being of North Philadelphia residents.

- Face To Face (http://facetofacegermantown.org/)

Service Focus: Homelessness, food insecurity, access to social services

Face to Face meets basic human needs and reduces suffering. With hospitality, they provide a safe environment and practical tools, which enable the people of their community to confront personal challenges, empower their lives, and fulfill their unique potential.

- Free Library of Philadelphia (https://libwww.freelibrary.org/branches/branch.cfm?loc=TAC)

of us to attain our fullest potential as individuals and as members of the broader society.

- St. James School (http://stjamesphila.org/)

Service Focus: Urban Education

St. James School is a faith-based Philadelphia middle school in the Episcopal tradition, committed to educating traditionally under-resourced students in a nurturing environment.

- St. John's Hospice (http://www.saintjohnshospice.org/)

Service Focus: Homelessness

Saint John's Hospice seeks to be a community grounded in faith and service where homeless persons find dignity, respect, nourishment, and opportunities for new beginnings. Saint John's Hospice provides a noon meal to 300-350 men each weekday.

- SHARE Food Program, INC. (http://sharefoodprogram.org/)

Service Focus: Food insecurity

The SHARE Food Program is a nonprofit organization serving a regional network of community organizations engaged in food distribution, education, and advocacy. SHARE promotes healthy living by providing affordable wholesome food to those willing to contribute through volunteerism. Families who receive food from SHARE also volunteer there!

Service Focus: Education and community development

The mission of the Free Library of Philadelphia is to advance literacy, guide learning, and inspire curiosity. Free Library has 56 branches with 6 million visitors each year!

- Grumblethrope (http://www.philalandmarks.org/grum.aspx)

Service Focus: Environmental stewardship, education

The gardens at the historic Grumblethorpe house in Germantown are tended by children in the Grumblethorpe Education Program with assistance from middle and high school volunteers under the guidance of Grumblethorpe educators. They provide educational opportunities for children and fresh food for the local community.

EMC Summer Experience 2019 Schedule

Sunday:

- 2 PM Depart St. Mark's
- 6:00 PM -6:30 PM Welcome & Orientation
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Dinner in Germantown
- 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM Orientation cont. & Fellowship

Monday - Wednesday:

- 7:00 AM Breakfast
- 7:45 AM Morning Prayer & Daily Meeting
- 8:30 AM Depart for partner sites
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Service Partner Sites
- 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Free/down time
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Small groups reflection
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Dinner
- 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Evening Excursion
- 9:30 PM 11:00 PM Free/down time
- 11:00 PM Lights out

Thursday:

- 7:00 AM Breakfast
- 7:45 AM Morning Prayer & Daily Meeting
- 8:30 AM Depart for partner sites
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Service Partner Sites
- 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Free/down time
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Small groups reflection
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Dinner
- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Closing Eucharist
- 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM End-of-Week Celebration
- 11:00 PM Lights Out

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Friday:

- 9:00 AM — Breakfast
- 10 AM-9 PM — Free Day in Philly
- 9 PM-10:30 PM — Down time/Packing/Cleaning Up
- 11:00 PM — Lights Out

Saturday:

- 9:00 AM — Breakfast/Pack Up
- 10 AM — Depart for DC
- 2 PM — Return to St. Mark's

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