



Dear Friends:

First Presbyterian Church of Dallas has had the unique opportunity to offer the Summer Visiting Youth Ministry for the past 30 years. This week long mission experience enables high school and college age youth to see and feel the Gospel come alive through direct involvement and study of Community Ministries.

Each one week session during the summer includes daily reflection of scripture, serving in the Stewpot (a downtown homeless soup kitchen located in the Community Ministries building) visiting and/or participating in a number of ministries or social services such as shelters for battered women, transitional housing, mental health organizations and nursing homes. Each afternoon the youth participate as junior counselors with the inner city day camp sponsored by Community Ministries.

***We request the groups be comprised of a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 15 high school and/or college age youth and no less than two adult sponsors. The minimum age for participation is 14. Please do not bring students younger than that age.***

Groups stay at the church in classrooms converted to dorm rooms; the gym locker room provides showers and bathroom facilities; a small kitchen area allows groups to prepare evening meals on site (breakfast and lunch are provided).

The cost for the coming year will be \$75 a person. If you are interested in participating please return the enclosed application along with half of the total amount due (\$37.50 a person). Once you have turned in money it is non-refundable. Additional costs to the group would include supper, gas money and any miscellaneous events the group might choose. Many out of town groups choose to go to Six Flags or other local activities on the weekend. (Groups are welcome to stay the weekend after the mission trip at no extra charge.) Slots are usually filled by the end of January. If you are a smaller youth group, we would be glad to work with you in pairing you with another church.

**The deadline for all applications and first payment is December 31, 2010 and full payment is due February 1, 2011.** Prior to attending, each group is provided the following information: Maps, schedule, clothing list, rules and guidelines for sponsors and youth, recommended pre-trip activities and appropriate study material.

I appreciate your interest in the Summer Visiting Youth Ministry. Please do not hesitate to call if I can answer any questions. My number is 214/746-2785 ext. 238. This program has been blessed again and again by the people who serve during the summer.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Dwight, LMSW  
Director of Children & Youth Programs

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**VISITING YOUTH MINISTRY APPLICATION 2011**

The Stewpot, First Presbyterian Church  
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**NAME OF GROUP:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Hm. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF YOUTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NUMBER OF SPONSORS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH'S AGE RANGE (14 min age):** FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

**PREFERENCE OF WEEKS:** Please choose in order of preference. ie. 1,2,3, etc.

Summer: June 12-17 \_\_\_\_\_ June 19-24 \_\_\_\_\_ June 26-July 1 \_\_\_\_\_ July 3-8 \_\_\_\_\_

July 10-15 \_\_\_\_\_ July 17-22 \_\_\_\_\_ July 24-29 \_\_\_\_\_ July 31-5 \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUP'S PREVIOUS MISSION WORK EXPERIENCE:**

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**TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THIS GROUP HAS SHARED:(ie. retreats, trips, etc)**

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**SPONSORS' TYPE OF INVOLVEMENT WITH YOUTH WORK:**

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**GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR YOUR WEEK:**

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**CONCERNS, SPECIAL REQUESTS:**

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