

Registration

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Can you raise funds for building materials?

Have you traveled outside the U.S.?

If yes, where and how long?

Describe your current state of health

Special dietary or medical needs/restrictions?

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Exploring Global Church Partnership

With the Christian Congregational Churches of Mexico

**A Service Trip
Especially for Youth
and Young Adults
July 5-14, 2008**

Led by the Rev. Dr.
Diane Christopherson

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Come, and Explore Global Partnership

Join with others from across the U. S. in a ten-day immersion experience and service trip in Mexico. Participants will

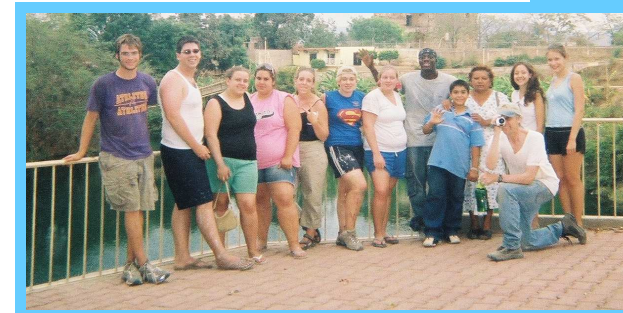


Service is a higher calling, as the 2006 mission group found

have opportunities to explore and reflect on matters of the global church, faith, group dynamics, cross-cultural communication, values, personal and social identity, politics, effects of globalization, and other important issues.

U. S. participants will meet and interact with people in two different churches: one, a vibrant and growing congregation located in downtown Mazatlán, a city of over 300,000 people, known for its beautiful Pacific

Ocean beaches; and the second, a small congregation in a poor community on the outskirts of Mazatlán, Villas del Sol.



Tentative Itinerary

Saturday, 7/5/08:

Fly from U. S. airport and arrive in Mazatlán around 11:30 a.m. Experience Mexican church hospitality, lunch and an orientation at the downtown Congregational Church. Tour the downtown area and hike to the top of a lighthouse overlooking the city. Get a good night's sleep!



Sunday, 7/6:

Participate in a lively worship service with song lyrics projected onto a large screen, headphones through which to hear simultaneous English translation of the Spanish service, and music enhanced by members of a small youth orchestra.

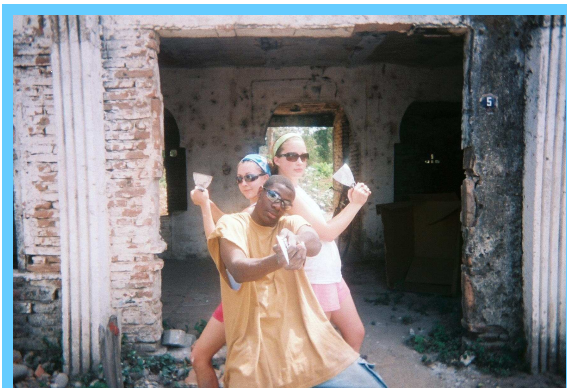
Attend an education class after worship. After lunch, explore some tourist attractions.

Monday, 7/7 – Friday, 7/11:

Travel from the Christian Congregational Church in downtown Mazatlán to Villas del Sol. Work as international partners to construct classroom space that will house the growing ministries of the church on the outskirts of the city.

Saturday, 7/12:

Engage in leisure activities with children, youth and families of the Christian Congregational Churches of Mexico.



Members of the 2006 mission group showing their construction prowess

Sunday, 7/13:

Worship with the Congregational Church in Villas del Sol as the work of our hands is dedicated to God's glory and to the furthering of God's mission. Enjoy an afternoon of free time in small groups.

Monday, 7/14:

Return to the U. S.

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The trip will be led by Diane Christopherson, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Diane has worked as a youth director, campus minister, adjunct faculty member, and intentional interim minister. For five years she served as the chairperson of the Commission for Church in Society and World Mission of the Michigan Conference UCC, and for six years served on the Wider Church Ministries board of the UCC. She has led immersion trips for young people in rural and urban areas of the U. S. and in Honduras, Haiti and Mexico.



Registration

With Non-Refundable Deposit of \$100

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Email address _____

Age you will be on 7/5/08 _____

Name(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s) if under 18 _____

Name of church in which you hold membership _____

Address of church _____

Phone of church _____

Minister's name _____

If you have a passport, please give the # & exp.date _____

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The total cost of the trip will be \$425 plus roundtrip airfare, which includes transportation in Mexico, food, lodging & building materials