

In Solidarity  
With All God's Children



Ohio Wesleyan University

Spring Break Mission Week  
Celebration 2011

# Celebration 2011 Program



Welcome and Opening Remarks

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Team Member Reflection

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# Spring Break Mission Week: Four Essential Pillars



## Restorative Justice

We seek to gain awareness of, show respect for, and build relationships with people and cultures with whom we interact. We seek to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in a way that honors and restores the human dignity and sacred worth of all involved. We seek to become agents for justice on our campus and in our world.

## Transformative Reflection

We seek to intentionally and thoughtfully reflect on our experiences and interactions. We seek to bring our authentic spirituality to bear on what we learn. We seek to be changed by our exposure to people and ideas beyond our own. We seek to reflect as individuals and as a team, to learn and grow intellectually, socially, and spiritually.

## Substantive Community

We seek, as a team, to develop into a close-knit community of mutual support. We seek to learn to work together as a whole, to be greater than the sum of our parts. We seek to bring what we learn and experience back to OWU for the enrichment of the whole campus community.

## Conscientious Leadership

We seek to call out the innate gifts and talents of each member of our team. We seek to hone and develop those gifts and talents for the betterment of ourselves and each other. We seek to learn how and where each of us is called to lead, how we might each add something unique and positive to our team's experience.

# Re-New Orleans: Hurricane Katrina Recovery

## Team Vision

*Several years after the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, the city of New Orleans still struggles to recover! Many people have yet to restore their homes or rebuild from their loss. This team will be part of the ongoing effort by OWU students, faculty, and staff to remember and continue to stand in solidarity with those whose lives have been so irrevocably altered by this disaster. Team members will spend the week working with the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, either gutting damaged homes so that they can be rebuilt, or starting the rebuilding process on already-gutted homes. The team also will explore the greater issues of community building, as well as national and global responsibility for disaster restoration (not only in New Orleans, but world-wide).*

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# Women in Community: The Benedictine Sisters of Erie, PA

## Team Vision

*Participants on this team will experience the Benedictine model of faith, community, prayer, and social action as they help with a variety of the sisters' service projects (including a soup kitchen and an inner-city youth art house). They will learn about the social justice initiatives of the sisters, participate in the community life and prayer life of the monastery, and intentionally reflect upon the role such "radical hospitality" plays in relationship to urban poverty and social justice.*

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# Washington, D.C. Crossroads of the Powerful & Powerless

## Team Vision

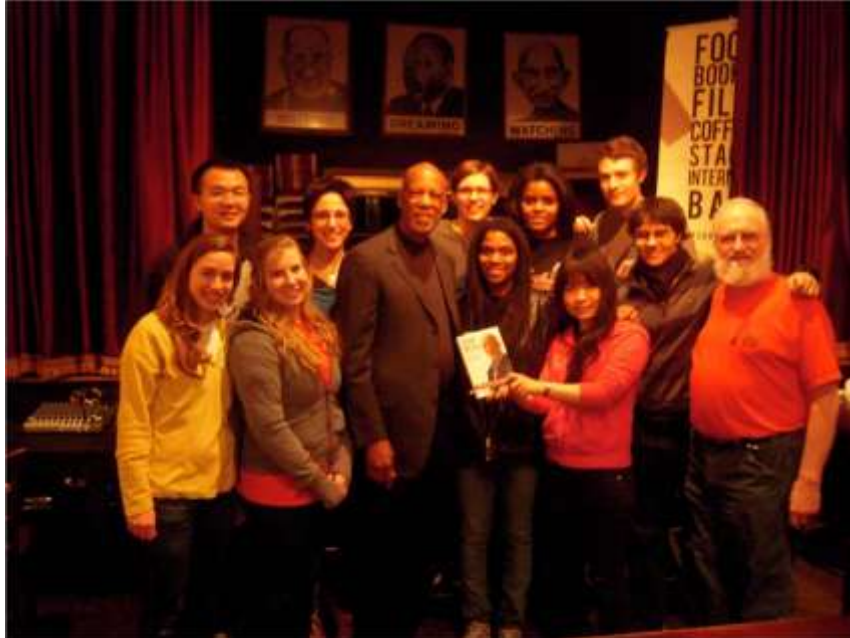
*Who is Washington, DC? Legislators with bills. Lobbyists with agendas. Politicians with ambitions. Activists with causes. Homeless men and women with needs. Immigrants with dreams. All people with lives to live. Our nation's capital is all this and more. Team members will explore the many facets of power as it relates to the equally diverse dimensions of poverty. They will spend time both with the poor and those working on the grassroots level to alleviate poverty as well as lobbyists and politicians who strive to reduce poverty. The team will also partner with the Community for Creative Nonviolence (CCNV), one of the largest homeless shelters in the nation.*

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# Love and Hope Ministries: Children at the Core of El Salvador

## Team Vision

*The plight of dispossessed children never ceases to challenge us on a global scale. This year, we will be working for the sixth consecutive year with a very specific piece of that global puzzle - Love and Hope Ministries and their orphanage in El Salvador. Love and Hope is an evangelical (but non-proselytizing) Christian ministry seeking to care for these children. Team members will work on service projects at the orphanage, spend time interacting with the children, and thoughtfully reflect on the significance of such ministries in the context of dispossessed children globally.*

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# Chapters, Houses & Homes: Flood Restoration in Nashville, TN

## Team Vision

*Service has always been integral to the heart of Greek Life at OWU. On this Greek-led team, members of OWU's fraternities and sororities will partner together with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church to help the residents of Nashville recover and rebuild from the massive floods that happened in early 2010. Team members will engage in disaster relief efforts while learning about the systemic helps and hindrances inherent to such a situation. At the same time, they will explore what it means to live in community, in sisterhoods and brotherhoods, as well as how those communities might come together with other communities to better the world around them. (Participants on this team are not required to be a member of a Greek organization, but should be interested in issues of community as well as the potential of Greek organizations to effect positive change.)*

## Team Members

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# Truth Behind the Tourism: Justice & Jamaica

## Team Vision

*Known for tourism and vacations, the island nation of Jamaica is also a land whose governance has left it economically and socially disadvantaged. This team will explore the connections between Christian faith and social justice as they immerse themselves in the prophetic call of Micah to act justly and love mercy. Team members will work with local homeless shelter in service to the community of Kingston.*

## Team Members

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# Building & Rebuilding: Lakota Nation

## Team Vision

*This intentionally interfaith team will engage in the United Methodist Church's long-term mission to rebuild Lakota-Anglo relationships through respectful conversation, deep critical reflection, and dedicated service. We will help the Tree of Life community in Mission, South Dakota build or repair a home, serve meals in the senior center, assist with children or with the Free Store warehouse, and each evening meet with tribal and spiritual elders of the local Lakota community. With an open mind, an open heart, and a desire to learn from perspectives far beyond our own, we will thoughtfully examine both the damage done by Christian missionaries in this place, and the powerful potential for healing between our broken cultures.*

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# Habitat for Humanity: Collegiate Challenge

## Team Vision

*A hand-up, not a hand-out. More than a house, it's a home. These are the powerful slogans made real by Habitat for Humanity, an organization that seeks to eradicate homelessness and poverty housing by providing decent, affordable homes for every person in need. Team members serving on the Habitat team will spend a week doing construction, painting, or other tasks in order to help a person or family with the construction of their home. All future homeowners are required to put in hours of "sweat equity" work on their own home and often work alongside volunteers. This year's team will travel to West Springfield, Massachusetts. The team will also explore the greater issues interwoven with homelessness both nationally and globally.*

## Team Members

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# Next Year's Mission Projects

*Were you inspired by one of this year's teams?  
Did you participate in a project that you think needs to happen again?  
Have you heard rumors of past years' projects  
that you would like to see revived?  
Do you have a new idea?*



## Proposal Workshop

*A proposal workshop will be held on April 13 at 4 p.m. in HWCC 326.  
Tips for putting together a successful proposal will be shared!*



## Proposal forms for next year's Mission Projects

*will be available soon in the Chaplain's Office (HWCC 3<sup>rd</sup>  
floor) and online at [chaplain.owu.edu](http://chaplain.owu.edu)! All teams must go through this  
formal proposal process. Any student or staff member is welcome to submit a  
proposal. Proposals for previous and new mission projects are welcome. We  
look forward to working with you to make your vision a reality!*

**Proposal forms are due June 1, 2011.**



**We are in special need of creative domestic proposals.**