

In Solidarity  
With All God's Children



Ohio Wesleyan University

Spring Break Mission Week  
Celebration 2012

# Celebration 2012 Program



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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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# Chicago Urban Plunge: Poverty, Immigration, Religion & Race

## Team Vision

*As one of the great urban areas of the United States, Chicago has a wealth of diverse cultures and amazing opportunities for its citizens. It also has enormous problems. Working with some pivotal organizations in the inner city, team members will explore the interplay between poverty and immigration in an urban context. The team will focus intentionally on the Christian-Muslim dialogue in Chicago, seek to understand how this particular dynamic relates to the greater issues of poverty and immigration in most major cities of the United States today, and thoughtfully reflect upon the role of inter-faith dialogue in the midst of such complex tensions.*

## Team Members

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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 seventh 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 Apalachin, NY

## 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 United Methodist Church in Apalachin and Endicott, NY to serve in recovery efforts from the floods caused by hurricanes and tropical storms in the fall of 2011. Team members will engage in disaster relief efforts, while also learning about the systemic helps and hindrances inherent to such a situation. They will deeper into 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.*

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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 continue our long-standing relationship with the Tree of Life community in Mission, South Dakota by helping to build or repair a home, serve meals in the senior center, assist with children, or with whatever they need. Each evening, the team will 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.*

## Team Members

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# Reconciliation & Restoration: Southern Service in Memphis, TN

## Team Vision

*Memphis is a city overflowing with history and stereotypes, with challenge and change. Students serving with this team will serve in the midst of an evolving urban context through home repair, urban gardening, and urban restoration. In the midst of their service, team members will explore the history and culture of the city, including racial tensions and civil rights, as well as changing racial demographics. Together, the team will engage in a holistic approach to social justice for the transformation of the world...and themselves.*

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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 23 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/missionweek](http://chaplain.owu.edu/missionweek)! All teams must go through this formal proposal process. Any student, staff, or faculty 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, 2012.**



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