

In Solidarity  
With All God's Children



Ohio Wesleyan University

Spring Break  
Interfaith Service Week  
Celebration 2018

# Celebration 2018 Program



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# Spring Break Interfaith Service 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.

# Connecting with the Community: Bucerias, Mexico

## Team Vision

*In any kind of cross-cultural experience, the power of direct, respectful contact between two different groups can't be overestimated. This team will be working with Human Connections, an organization that specializes in cross-cultural immersion with an eye towards growth and learning for all involved, in the town of Bucerias, Mexico. Together, they will explore the economics of social responsibility and sustainable practices as well as serve with community members as needed. Past projects have included construction, education, art, clean-up, and more, but the exact tasks of this team will depend on the expressed needs of the people in the community as the year progresses.*



## Team Members

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# Re-New Orleans: Hurricane Katrina Recovery

## Team Vision

*Years after the devastation 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 SBP (a non-profit formed specifically by an OWU alum to assist with disaster recovery). 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).*



## Team Members

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# Dare to Understand: Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia, PA

## Team Vision

*OWU's strong and vibrant interfaith community will partner with The Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia for an intense week of community service, leadership learning, and interfaith encounters. The "Dare to Understand" team will work with the Philly staff to develop a customized experience for our personal growth by confronting our preconceived notions of "The Other," and then transform those ideas into a deeper respect for diversity and difference which goes beyond mere tolerance to active cooperation and care.*



## Team Members

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# Building and Rebuilding: Lakota Nation, SD

## Tzam Vision

*This intentionally interfaith team will engage in the long-term mission to rebuild Lakota-Anglo relationships through respectful conversation, deep critical reflection, and dedicated service. We will work with Milk's Camp, located on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. Milk's Camp is an organization serving an important function for those living on and off reservations as a site for cultural learning and growth, guidance for youth, and aid for Lakota people with physical impairments. 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

*Izzy Taylor\**  
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# Helping Houston Heal: Hurricane Harvey Recovery

## Team Vision

*On August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall over the Texas coast and the greater metropolitan area of Houston, dumping record amounts of rainfall and causing devastating flooding. While we plan to work with SBP to assist with the clean-up process, this team's specific mission will be contingent on the actual needs of the community at that time. With the flexibility to face changing plans and needs, we will serve with the people of Houston as they seek to rebuild their homes and lives.*



## Team Members

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# Next Year's SBISW 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 9 at 4 p.m. in HWCC 311.*

*Tips for putting together a successful proposal will be shared!*



## Proposal forms for next year's SBISW Projects

*will be available soon in the Chaplain's Office (HWCC 3<sup>rd</sup> floor) and online at [gowu.edu/interfaithservice](http://gowu.edu/interfaithservice)! 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 interfaith service teams are welcome. We look forward to working with you to make your vision a reality!*

**Proposal forms are due Wednesday, May 23.**



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