

In Solidarity
With All God's Children



Ohio Wesleyan University

Spring Break
Interfaith Service Week
Celebration 2019

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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.

Building and Rebuilding: Lakota Nation, SD

Team 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 Lakota Youth Development, located on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. Lakota Youth Development 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.



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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.



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Gender, Sexuality, and Poverty: Navigating Overlapping Realities in New York City

Team Vision

We often hear people talking about the challenges faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in our country and across the world. We also hear about the challenges of urban poverty and access to resources. But how often do we hear about the people who inhabit both of those worlds? This team will work predominantly with the Staten Island Pride Center and the Metropolitan Community Church, two organizations that serve at the intersections of these overlapping realities, as well as the realities of race, religion, and more.



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Crossroads of the Powerful and Powerless: Washington, DC

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.



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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 8 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 3rd floor) and online at owu.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 22.



We are in special need of creative domestic proposals.