Village Church Service Project to Santa Fe, NM

April 16 – 23, 2022

Below is the information about our April Service Project. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, feel free to contact Pam Emslie at 781-235-1988, ex. 15 or email at pam@wellesleyvillagechurch.org.

Information

Trip Coordinator: Rev. Pamela Emslie
Accommodations: Bishop’s Ridge: Stoney Camp and Recreation Center, LLC
7855 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
505-980-5371
Retreat Director: Christopher J. Jewell

Date: Saturday, April 16—Saturday, April 23, 2022

Who: Wellesley Village Church Confirmands and High School Youth Group

Transportation: We will be traveling to Albuquerque from Logan Airport – travel provided by:
American Airlines
We will be traveling in Santa Fe via minivans provided by:
Enterprise Rental at Albuquerque International Airport

Drop off and Pick up Times:
Saturday, April 16 meet at Logan International Airport at 5:30 a.m.
Saturday, April 23 pick up at Logan International Airport at 9:15 p.m

Flight schedule with American Airlines:

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Cost:

The cost for this trip is $1,500.00 per youth.

- New payment method through PayPal:
  - [Follow this PayPal link which allows you to pay with your PayPal account or with your debit or credit card](#)
  - OR, using your PayPal phone app, scan this QR code with your smartphone camera and follow prompts.

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- When paying with PayPal, please add “Service Project 2022” and your child’s name in the “Add a note” section.

If you pay by check please make checks payable to Wellesley Congregational Church, **Memo: 2022 Service Project.**

Scholarships are available.

Approximately $120.00 spending money.
- Includes: round trip airport food, one dinner out and spending money.
- We will be going to the Santa Fe plaza where people from many of the local Pueblos sell beautiful handmade jewelry and crafts.

Forms:

- A [Medical Release Form](#), [Church Waiver](#), and [Service Project Permission Slip](#) are required for the trip.

Please fill out and return these 3 forms and payment **no later than Sunday, January 23, 2022.** If you handed in a Medical Form and Church Waiver for a retreat this program year (beginning fall, 2021), you do not need to send these two forms in again, unless any medical information has changed.

Other Info:

A packing list and other necessary information will be sent out as the travel date approaches.

Sign up by:

**It is important to note that we need to know our numbers for the trip by Sunday, January 23, 2022.**

Numbers:

maximum number of youth: 54

Adult Advisors:

Pam Emslie, Michaela McDonald, Dave Emslie, Megan Berkowitz, Bev Lenci, Tim Loff, David Cahill, Stacey Decembrele, and Jim Strouse.

Food: Bishop’s Ridge will provide our breakfast and dinner. We will bag our lunches. We may eat out once during the week. Youth bring money to pay for this meal. If your child has any dietary constraints or allergies, please make sure his/her allergies are listed on his/her medical form.

Basic Agenda: We will travel Sat. from Boston to Dallas to Albuquerque, NM. We will meet at the airport on 4/16 at 5:30 a.m. > fly out of Logan at 8:30 a.m. > arrive in Albuquerque at 1:02 p.m. > we will pick up our rental vehicles at the Albuquerque airport and drive to Santa Fe by 3 p.m. Sunday we will engage in group building and sightseeing activities as well as attend Easter worship at our sister UCC community in Santa Fe. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we will travel each morning to our work sites and arrive back at our lodging at the end of the day. Friday, we will hike in Tent Rocks National Monument. Saturday, April 23 we fly home at 1:10 p.m. and arrive at Boston Logan Airport at 9:15 p.m.
Groups: Advisors and youth are divided into small groups. These groups are our work and travel groups. They are hand-picked with great care and are a mix of all grades.

Work sites: We will work at Santa Fe elementary schools who serve a large low-income student population. We will assist the staff in teaching children how to grow their own food.

With our partners at Cornerstones, we will build adobe bricks at the historic Plaza del Cerro. The Plaza del Cerro in Chimayo (about 40 minutes north of Santa Fe) is one of the most celebrated, and least protected historic sites in northern New Mexico. Many scholars have noted its significance as "the best surviving example of a Spanish Colonial plaza in the Southwest," but it has received almost no preservation funding. Cornerstones is continuing to restore this plaza and the 2021 Village Church Grant of 4,000.00 will help move this project along. Website: http://www.cstones.org More information on Plaza del Cerro:
We will build Catchment Rain Gardens to help create an environmentally sustainable Santa Fe. The catch basins retain water to grow plants and trees in a very dry and arid landscape. Santa Fe Watershed, working in partnership with Paco Kauffman, received a Village Church grant to build basins in the Santa Fe area.
Website: http://www.santafewatershed.org
Paco’s website: http://www.southwesturbanhydrology.com
We will work on the Tesuque Pueblo Farm preparing the soil for planting and to learn about the Heritage Seed Project.

We will work at 4 Bridges Permaculture Institute gardening and helping care for livestock, as well as assisting in building a dormitory to house students. Website: http://4bridges.org

There are 2 other potential sites: one that Cornerstones is helping to set up and one with the Community Garden of Santa Fe.

Goal of work:

Learn about the sacredness of food to the people in this region and their reverence towards their sacred buildings.
Learn about food justice issues: local production, food equality and food distribution.
Through our experience with the people native to this region, we will deepen our understanding of our neighbors, of ourselves, and our relationship with God’s creation.
To draw closer as a community of faith.
To see and feel the presence of God among us, and to actively follow Jesus.
Be inspired by the natural beauty of God’s creation in this amazing landscape.

Free time:

We will have the opportunity to learn about the traditional arts in the pueblos.
We will explore the natural beauty of the southwest landscape.
We will worship at the UCC church in Santa Fe.

Goals of Participation

This is a Wellesley Village Church Youth Programs trip. Its goals include serving others, engaging our faith in a concrete way, learning about issues of poverty and justice, continuing to build relationships and transform our way of thinking about the world and to serve as God’s hands in the world. We expect and hope that the energy and positive experience of this trip will be integrated into the continuing life of our church.

In addition, the following is expected of each participant:

• It is important that everyone going on the trip be an active member of the youth group before we head off on our journey, with this in mind, **anyone going on the trip is required to attend youth group at least twice every month from now until we leave in April** (this does not include Confirmands).

• To attend worship service on Sunday, April 10. During worship, the congregation will bless and commission the youth for this service trip.

• To sell a minimum of $200 from our Service Project Travel Catalogue (designed in the same way as Heifer Project Catalogue)