

VIM

Volunteers in Mission of the Wisconsin United Methodist Church



Who are VIMers?

Men, Women, Youth, and Families who are willing to give of their time, talents, and resources, as Jesus commanded us to “love one another” and to “serve”. Many VIMers are United Methodists but many are from other denominations and from all walks in life. VIM work camps are tobacco, drug, and alcohol free. We’ve a general theme that works for most of us – be flexible, cooperative, and cheerful.

Where do we serve?

We work and travel in-state, throughout the United States nationally and Internationally, to work at United Methodist camps, churches, and homes around the world, which have been neglected by poverty, or suffered flood-hurricane-tornado-storm damages.

Our VIM work camps vary from a few days to as long as two weeks. We travel in-state often by private car; we travel nationally often in groups of 40-50 by bus, or smaller groups travel by van; some travel by personal camper when our destination has the facilities for them to do so.



What skills do we need?

Skills needed vary, and skilled and unskilled but willing to learn VIMers participate. The range of work teams at a given location usually include a cooking team -- we provide our own work camp meals, paint crews, construction crews, electrical, plumbers, team leaders, etc. and many worker/helpers.

What does it cost?

Each camp has a registration fee. Usually \$75 is donated toward materials, the remainder of the fee includes basic expenses of work camp food, transportation to the daily sites and miscellaneous administration costs as they are encountered. Transportation fees vary whether the trip is local, national, or international and whether you’re traveling via bus, private car, or van; longer trips require a night at a motel. You’ll need extra money beyond the registration fee, for weekend outings (if 2 week trip), or for a shorter outings on shorter trips. Scholarships are available by request.



Want more information?

Brochures are mailed out twice a year, in fall and spring. The brochure lists upcoming work camps, team leaders to contact, trip total cost, along with required registration information for the specific work camp. They are mailed to your church pastor, recent VIMers, and your mission coordinator.

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