

Building for Others as we Build Up Ourselves

January 25, 2010

Dear College Student Minister / Pastor –

BUILD is an annual week-long servant event trip to Neon, KY for College and Graduate School Students in the Metro DC Synod Area. It is an opportunity for young adults to serve as God's hands in the midst of a community in need. We will enjoy the fellowship of working toward a common goal while discovering that faith demands action beyond the confines of our immediate experience.

When: June 6 -12, 2010

Who: College/Graduate School Students and Young Adults post-high school to age 27

Where: Neon, Kentucky

Why: To rebuild homes/cabins and lives, to share God's love, to have fun while we work, and to learn more about Christian servanthood and compassionate justice.

BUILD is designed to benefit the young adults and those we serve. Young Adults may participate as individuals or as part of a small congregational or college ministry group.

It is important that all participants should understand that, while planned as a fun and spiritually enriching event, BUILD is first and foremost a working camp. **IT WILL INVOLVE CHALLENGING PHYSICAL LABOR FOR MOST OF THE WEEK.** Participants need not have a background in building or construction, but they must be willing to work hard and give of themselves for the benefit of others. Expectations of all participants include -

- v Full participation in all activities.
 - v Respect for the personal property of others and of the event site(s) and if responsible for damage, to pay for it.
 - v Respect for the need for rest by returning to and remaining in their rooms at lights out.
 - v Respect for the care and safety of all so that directions from adult leaders will be heeded. Participants will make sure that an advisor knows where they are at all times.
 - v Respect for the feelings and viewpoints of others
- Alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, weapons, and fireworks are prohibited.

Failure to comply with these expectations can result in termination and, if necessary, arrangements will be made for the participant(s) to return home early at additional expense.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- § Registration is limited to 26 young adults currently in college/graduate school or within that age range and 4 advisors. Young adults can register as individual participants or as a small group.
- v The full cost of the event is **\$400.00** plus personal expenses (meals during travel on Sunday and Saturday).
- v **A nonrefundable deposit of \$200.00 per registrant, Registration form and Permission, Health History and Medication Consent form must be received by April 1, 2010.** Late registrations will be accepted on a space available basis for an additional \$50. Make checks payable to "**Metro Washington D.C. Synod – BUILD 2010.**" Payment in full must be received by **May 15, 2010.**
- v Direct questions and concerns to Pastor Robert Lewis at 240-401-0178 (cell) or rllewis@elcbethesda.org
- v Plan to attend a pre-trip information and planning meeting in early May. At this important meeting, you will have a chance to meet the other participants and we will review what to expect and what to bring, ensure paperwork is complete, collect any balance due, and answer any last minute questions. Even if you have gone to the CHI RHO High School Retreat in the past, plan to attend this meeting!
- v **Registration and Permission, Health History and Medication Consent** forms are included; there are separate forms for young adults and advisors. In addition, a photocopy of the volunteer's medical card is required.
- v Return registration forms and deposit payment of \$200.00 to:

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