



Charleston Youth Mission

Watts Street Baptist Church Youth Service/Learning Experience
June 12-17

WHAT IS CYM? Charleston Youth Mission (CYM) is a service/learning immersion week for both Middle and High School students in one of the oldest cities of our nation. We'll learn about the area's rich history as well as the current situation of the city. From slavery to today's racial-economic disparity, we'll look at common threads, serve our neighbors at various worksites, and reflect on God's call for justice and equity for all.

This year's theme is "From Kingdom to Kin-dom". The daily schedule will include Bible study, group activities, volunteering at worksites, and guided reflection. On Thursday, we will take part in a 1.5 mile awareness tour of Charleston in the morning and then have the rest of the day to explore the city and beach!

ACCOMMODATIONS: Lodging will be on the second floor at Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. We have two rooms with 10 bunks each plus floor space in a third room. (We are making arrangements to spread out even more for Covid reasons.) You'll need to bring sleeping bags or sheets and pillows. The building does have showers and a kitchen. We will be the only group with CYM that week.

COVID PROTOCOL: At this point, we'll plan to wear masks while riding in the vans and wear masks whenever we are inside a building (except for sleeping). We'll aim to eat outside whenever possible.

CYM is also asking that everyone provide ***proof of vaccination*** (some of the worksite partners may require this). Please email a copy or text a photo of your Covid-19 vaccination card to Kelly.

COST: The total cost for camp is \$360 per person. But with our fund-raising efforts and assistance from our Youth Mission Funds, we're able to cut the cost per person down in half! ***Your total due will be \$180 for the week.*** If you paid the \$75 deposit, the balance will be \$105. Checks can be written to WSBC with "Youth Summer Service Trip" in the memo line.

SPENDING MONEY: You'll need money for Sunday lunch and supper and Friday lunch. The church will pay for breakfast on Sunday morning and our meal out on Thursday night. During the week, you won't need much (if any) spending money. Dr. Sasser recommends around \$75 for your meals out and souvenirs/sight-seeing.

LOW COUNTRY BLESSING BOX: CYM groups are invited to take part in an offering of donations for a blessing box available for families who need assistance with food or personal items. We invite each member of our team to bring at least one item from the list on the next page. If you would prefer to order online, you can ship directly to: *Low Country Blessing Box, Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, 4701 Park Pl W, North Charleston, SC 29405.* (Note: items need to be new and regular size, not bulk.)

REGISTRATION:

Please use this link to complete the online CYM Participation Information Form/Covenant as soon as possible (tonight would be great!): <https://www.youthmissionco.org/cym-participant.html>

WHAT TO BRING:

- Flexibility, humility, and readiness for a fantastic week!
- Clothes for church on Sunday
 - A nice shirt with long pants/skirt OR a dress.
- Work-site clothes (please see their comments about **dress code** for work sites)
 - Knee-length shorts, basketball shorts, sweatpants, or long pants (not yoga pants or leggings)
 - At least one pair of long pants and one long sleeve shirt
 - Clothes that can get muddy, sweaty, paint-stained, etc.
 - Closed-toe shoes or work boots
 - Socks
 - Work gloves
- Casual clothes/shoes for non-work time
- Bathing suit/beach towel
- Rain jacket
- Personal items
 - Shower shoes
 - Toiletries
 - Towel/wash cloth
 - Prescription meds (inhalers, insulin, allergy meds, etc.)
 - Sunscreen
 - Bug spray
- Sleeping bag or sheets and pillow
- Bible, pen, and notebook for journaling
- Reusable water bottle
- Covid masks
- Spending money for meals out and souvenir (around \$75)
- Contribution for the Low Country Blessing Box (see next column)

Optional:

- Book to read
- Board games/cards
- Football/frisbees (there is a disc golf course in front yard)

Low Country Blessing Box Wish List:

Items should be *new* (please check expiration date) and regular size (not bulk size).

- Food: ground or instant coffee, granola bars, canned vegetables, canned soups, canned fruit, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, snack crackers, pasta/sauce, boxed mac & cheese, condiments, vegetable oil, rice, dry beans
- Personal items: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, Kleenex, toilet paper, toothbrush, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, soap, body wash, washcloths
- Baby supplies: diapers, formula, children's puff snacks, baby food

SCHEDULE:

Sunday, June 12

- 5 am!** Meet at WSBC
Travel time to Charleston is 4½ hours
Short stop for breakfast on the way
- 11 am Attend worship at
Circular Congregation Church
Lunch
Sight-seeing in Charleston
- 4 pm Settle in at Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
- 5 pm Supper
- 7 pm CYM Orientation

Monday-Wednesday, June 13-15

- Breakfast/prepare bag lunches
- Morning worksite
- Bag lunches
- Afternoon worksite
- Showers/rest/free time
- Supper
- Evening programs with CYM

Thursday, June 16

- Breakfast/prepare bag lunches
- Charleston Awareness walk with CYM
- Bag lunches
- Sight-seeing in Charleston
- Supper in Charleston

Friday, June 17

- Breakfast
- Pack-up/clean-up
- Closing worship with CYM
- Lunch on the road
- Return to WSBC by 5:30 pm