

# Grace Episcopal Church Middle School Overnight

The Episcopal Mission Center, St. Luke's, Philadelphia, PA

April 28-29, 2017

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## Important Information

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**Destination:**

The Episcopal Mission Center, St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
5421 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144

**Why The Episcopal Mission Center in Philadelphia?**

The Episcopal Mission Center works with groups to engage in urban mission work with an Episcopal ethos. Our youth will participate in service and prayer, while exploring the city of Philadelphia.

**Timeframe:**

Depart Grace Church at 8:30 a.m. on April 28. Arrive at Grace Church by 6:00 p.m. on April 29.

**Excused School Absence:**

Since your child will miss school on Friday, April 28, she/he may be asked to bring proof of an excused absence. Rev. Amanda will provide a general form letter for this purpose.

**Transportation:**

Our group will travel to Philadelphia via the Grace Church van. Once in the city, we may utilize public transportation. The cost of public transport is included in the \$35.00 participation fee.

**Participation Fee:**

\$35.00, checks made payable to "Grace Episcopal Church" with your youth's name in the memo line. Scholarships are available upon request.

**Sleeping Arrangements:**

Your child should bring a sleeping bag or bedding for a Twin XL bed.

**Service Projects:**

We will participate in two 2-hour service projects, one on Friday afternoon and one on Saturday morning. These projects will expose us to urban mission work with at least one of the following communities – homeless, disenfranchised, children, women, and/or immigrants. The purpose of this time is to meet and serve Christ in communities we may not be used to.

**Contact Information:**

If you need to contact your child and they do not have a cell phone, please call Rev. Amanda's cell phone at 860-690-1611. If you need to reach Rev. Amanda for *any* reason, do not hesitate to call her cell phone at any time during the trip. The office phone number at the Episcopal Mission Center where are staying is 215-844-9410. This number is not a direct connection to our group, but may be called in case you cannot reach Rev. Amanda.

## Packing List

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### Items to Bring:

- Water bottle
- Comfortable clothes
- Light jacket
- Comfortable closed-toed shoes (no sandals or flip flops)
- Sleeping bag or bedding for a Twin XL bed
- Pillow
- Prescription medication
- Sleepwear (PJs or sweats)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush, deodorant, etc.)
- Bath towel
- Shower shoes
- Sunscreen
- Rain jacket or small umbrella
- Spending money for souvenirs/snacks (no more than \$25)

### Items NOT to Bring:

- Valuables
- Inappropriate clothing (short shorts, clothing with unsuitable language, etc.)
- Electronic devices (tablets, mp3 players, etc.)
- Anything potentially toxic or dangerous

## Provisional Schedule

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### Friday, April 28, 2017

8:30 A.M.	Depart Grace Church, Silver Spring
11:30	Arrive at the Mission Center, Philadelphia
12:00 P.M.	Lunch at the Mission Center
12:30	Introduction to the Mission Center and Orientation
1:00	Service Project in Neighborhood
4:30	Arrive back at Mission Center
5:00	Fellowship Activities
6:30	Dinner
7:30	Night Prayer and Reflection
8:15	Night Activity
10:00	Get Ready for Bed
11:00	Lights Out

### Saturday, April 29, 2017

8:00 A.M.	Breakfast at the Mission Center
8:30	Morning Prayer
9:00	Service Project
11:30	Closing Reflection
12:00 P.M.	Lunch and Free Time in Philadelphia
3:00	Depart Philadelphia
6:00	Arrive at Grace Church, Silver Spring