

Volunteer Ministries



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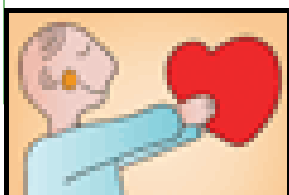
**How many UCC members participate in Mission Trips within the United States each year?
Help us find out.**

In 2007, we received reports of 360 groups with almost 5,000 volunteers participating in week-long mission trips in the United States. We know there are more.

Help us celebrate this ministry in 2008!

Click on the UCC Volunteer Ministries webpage and complete the form. Send your stories and reflections too!

<http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/mission-trip-tracking-1.html>



**The June/July 2008 edition of *United Church News*, features stories of “Partners in Service” volunteers “Lend a Hand. Lend a Heart” Share the edition on-line, page A16:
<http://www.uccfiles.com/ucnews/junjul08.pdf>**

Baby Boomers—Partners in Service is for you!

You've been involved in your local church

You've served in your local community

You've developed skills through your professional and home life

You live to make a difference; You make a difference to live

You're in a life position with some flexibility

Become a *Partners in Service* Full-Time volunteer

Video arts/ publicity	Disaster Recovery: Construction Site Coordinator	Hunger Education	Hospitality	General Maintenance	Volunteer Coordination
Providing Transportation	Financial Development	Ministries of Presence Among the Vulnerable	Alumni/ Church Relations	Disaster Recovery: Volunteer Coordinator	Immigration & Border Ministries

Possible Host Sites listed at <http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/partners-in-service-2008.html> or order printed copies from United Church Resources 800-537-3394 Code: WCMP58

Complete the introductory application on-line to start the conversation

<http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/volunteer-on-line-application.html> or call the Executive for UCC Volunteer

Ministries for more information. 216-736-3214 / Toll-Free 866-822-8224 ext. 3214 / blaufusm@ucc.org

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## Young Adults—Partners in Service is for you! Companion Communities are Coming

### *Companions with those Served*

Accompany people through local ministries in the community of host congregations

### *Companions in Community*

Live in intentional community with others with commitments of service and social justice. Ask hard questions of life. Explore faith together.

Develop Skills for ministering and living faithfully in the global community that includes the United States

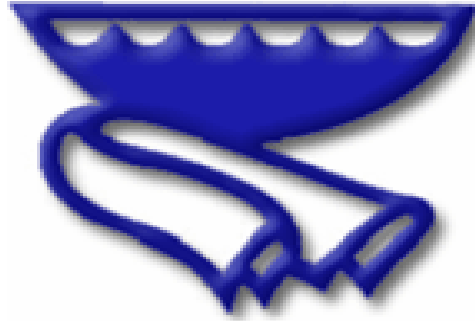
Take a year or a summer to explore vocation

Serve alongside others with similar commitments

Placements to begin June 2009 and September 2009

Watch for applications to begin January 2009

## ALONG THE WAY... NEWS FROM VOLUNTEERS



### Immigration and Border Ministries

The video “Beyond Borders: Faith and Action in the Arizona Desert” features three volunteer ministries host sites for “Partners in Service” and “Mission Trip Opportunities.”

Produced and directed  
by Rebecca Bowman Woods  
Available from Disciples World Magazine  
for \$15.00

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### Mission Trip Video

Check out the story of the mission trip of Bethlehem UCC, Evansville, IN at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS. Set to the song “Something Beautiful,” it expresses this heart of mission.

<http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/bethlehem-ucc-mission-trip-to.html>

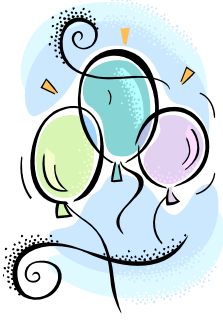
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## Partners in Service Alumni on the Move...

## Where Are They Now?

**Sebastian Leenen** served for 17 months in 1996—1996 at Bethany Children’s Home, Womelsdorf, PA. Now, after college, he works with children and youth at a local YMCA in Brandenburg, Germany and is a member of a Baptist Church. Sebastian can be found at <http://www.cvjm-brandenburg.de/>

Good to hear from you Sebastian!!



## Thanks to 'Partners in Service' Volunteers Recently Completing Service

Maureena Burton, California  
at No More Deaths, Arizona

Jim Ditzler, Ohio  
at Back Bay Mission, Mississippi

Ed Finertie, Nebraska  
at MultiFaithWorks, Seattle, Washington

Dean Griffith, Ohio  
at F.A.S.T. Appalachian mission trip program

Peggy McLennan, Massachusetts  
at Back Bay Mission, Mississippi

Kendra Purscell, Nebraska  
At F.A.S.T. Appalachian mission trip program

## Welcome New & Returning 'Partners in Service' Volunteers

Kirth Erickson, Montana  
at New Orleans Disaster Recovery, Louisiana

Joan Erickson, Montana  
at New Orleans Disaster Recovery, Louisiana

Reena Kumari, India  
at Slumber Falls Camp, Texas

Phyllis Rhinehart, Florida  
at Back Bay Mission, Mississippi

Richard Rhinehart, Florida  
at Back Bay Mission, Mississippi

Alice Scott, California  
at Wider Church Ministries, Cleveland, Ohio

Katrina Waltz, Wisconsin  
at Plymouth House of Healing, Seattle, WA

**Over 2800 people from across the United Church of Christ gathered in Knoxville, TN for the National Youth Event, July 24-28, 2008**  
**Service Projects helped us Live the Life of Christ!**



Hunger Labyrinth — Prayed & learned together about eliminating hunger in the world



Ijams Nature Center—Helped preserve habitat for an endangered species of salamander—Connected with God's earth



Boys and Girls Clubs -Met kids of Knoxville in their Safe Space to experience what makes each one special



Second Harvest Food Bank—Readied food ready for distribution—Learned how Food Banks in the U.S. work



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*For over 50 years, Volunteer Ministries has provided opportunities for people to share their gifts of service and witness to others. Through the act of foot washing, Jesus makes clear God's call to serve others. We are invited to ministries of service that reflect God's love by responding to the needs of the world and involving ourselves in efforts to challenge injustices. The logo of the towel and basin remind us of God's call to serve.*

Check out the new look on the  
website!  
<http://www.ucc.org/volunteer>

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*PARTNERS IN SERVICE*  
*MISSION TRIPS*  
*LEADERSHIP TRAINING*  
*SERVICE DAYS*