



## Summer Mission Trip Lake Traverse, South Dakota

Dear Family and Friends,

Every year on an early October morning, Annunciation Youth Ministries has invited Senior High youth to participate in a YouthWorks! Mission Trip. YouthWorks! Is a non-profit organization located in Minneapolis. Their mission, quite simply, is to provide life-changing, Christ centered youth mission opportunities. They create extraordinarily fun and significant mission adventures focused on the needs and capabilities of youth. I have accepted AYM's invitation and I have registered to spend next summer in Lake Traverse, South Dakota on a mission trip.

One of the most unique partnerships YouthWorks is developing in Lake Traverse is with the old middle school in the middle of town, which is being converted into a community education and activity center. My youth group will help facilitate children's programming at this building, serve the residents in local assisted living facilities/ nursing homes and help out with other work projects in the community. I will learn about Dakota culture from a community friend, and explore a state park that is spiritually significant to the local tribe. YouthWorks has partnered with this community since 2005

There are many reasons to participate in this summer mission trip. To allow yourself to take a risk, to have questions without answers, to reach out to the poor and neglected, to step outside of your comfort zone, to put the needs of others before your own, to share a van ride with someone you don't know very well and to explore a deeper relationship with Jesus. When you expose yourself to this type of vulnerability, you discover the recipe for building community. There is something special traveling in community, some sort of satisfaction of working hard and fulfillment in doing God's work at the work sites. These trips are very sacred and life changing and I can hardly wait.

I want to share my mission trip experience with you! One way to accomplish this is for you to become a stockholder in my trip. A donation of \$20.00 per person (Checks made out to Annunciation Church) will enable you to attend the Stockholder's celebration on Thursday, July 28th, 2022. You will enjoy delicious desserts and hear testimonials from youth about our trip. Please consider becoming a Stockholder in my trip! Thank you for your generous support!

