

Mission Trips

Not all of our missions take place locally – sometimes God calls us to serve in other places, which (when done mindfully, in partnership with local communities) can be a great way to learn more about how God’s love comes alive in acts of service throughout the world!

Below are a few different organizations that you and a group of friends/family could travel to partner with, and list of different ways to do that for each of those partners. **If you’d like to arrange a trip somewhere and don’t see it listed here, please reach out to a member of the Mission & Outreach Committee, so they can determine how best to support you, and potentially add that to the menu moving forward!**

[Dallas Youth Mission](#)

Located downtown, Dallas Youth Mission gives young people an opportunity to understand the situations of those who are living on the margins in a large urban center. Groups discuss themes of food insecurity, poverty, homelessness, and the changing dynamics of gentrification in this major city in the heart of Texas.

- Summer Mission Week

- **Who:** Middle and high school youth
- **What:** Please email youthmissionregistrar@gmail.com for up-to-date details on what all is being offered.
- **When:** Full weeks throughout the summer, Sunday evening-Friday morning
- **Registration Details:** [Please check here for registration details, including dates and costs, at Dallas and other Youth Mission sites.](#)

- Spring Break Mission Week

- **Who:** Middle and high school youth
- **What:** Please email youthmissionregistrar@gmail.com for up-to-date details on what all is being offered.
- **When:** For a full week in spring, Sunday evening-Friday morning
- **Registration Details:** [Please check here for registration details, including dates and costs, at Dallas and other Youth Mission sites.](#)

- Mission Weekend

- **Who:** Middle and high school youth
- **What:** Please email youthmissionregistrar@gmail.com for up-to-date details on what all is being offered.
- **When:** Friday evening-Sunday morning, offered throughout the fall and spring semesters
- **Registration Details:** [Please check here for registration details, including dates and costs, at Dallas and other Youth Mission sites.](#)

[Catholic Charities Humanitarian Respite Center](#)

Catholic Charities responds to families in crisis. They believe that human beings who have no food, no security, no access to shower, etc. are people in crisis, and will continue responding to the needs of these families in crisis as long as there is a need.

- [Volunteer](#)

- **Who:** High school youth and older
 - **What:** Come down to McAllen and serve at a respite center where immigrants and refugees are given much-needed resources and rest. Whether it's sorting donations, building picnic tables, helping clean, or something else entirely, they could always use some extra help facilitating their vital and constant work. Donations of clothing, food, and money are also welcomed – [check this link for up-to-date details on what donations would be most helpful.](#)
 - **Where:** At the Respite Center.
 - **Requirements:** [Please contact them via this link, to begin arranging the details of your trip.](#)
 - **Recommended Group Size:** Anywhere from individuals to groups of 15 or so, depending on the need at the time.
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[Baytreat Mission Camp](#)

Run out of Government Street Presbyterian Church in Mobile, Alabama, Baytreat Mission Camp is an opportunity for high schoolers to come to the water to serve and reflect, in partnership with a variety of mission sites throughout the city.

- Register a Group for the Camp
 - **Who:** 9th - 12th graders (plus adult sponsors)
 - **What:** Spend a week serving and learning with and from some of GSPC's long-standing mission partners in Mobile, AL.
 - **Requirements:** Please contact [Heather Hamilton](#) to determine details for the upcoming summer.

[Blue Theology Summer Youth Program](#)

Since 2008, The Christian Church of Pacific Grove has hosted over 50 church youth groups, college and university groups, church intergenerational groups, and clergy on sabbaticals. Deborah Streeter, a minister in the UCC, coined the phrase "Blue Theology" for theological exploration that addresses specific ocean and coastline issues

- [Register for a week at the Texas City Outpost](#)
 - **Who:** Middle and high school youth
 - **What:** The Blue Theology youth program is a place where current science in marine biology informs a theology of creation care. A week with Blue Theology is part science, part-science, and part-adventure. They think of the ocean as a "call to worship," inspiring us both spiritually and as ocean advocates. Through kayaking, aquarium visits, beach clean-ups and more, volunteers are able to connect with both the ocean and God.
 - **Where:** The closest outpost (and the one linked above) is based out of First Christian Church of Texas City, but there's another BTSYP outpost based out of Harbor Christian Church in Newport Beach, CA.

- **Requirements:** Please contact [Gabrielle Poli](#) for more details about upcoming programs.
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