Grace UMC 6th Grade Mission Trip Information Kansas City, MO 2018

Mission Trip Dates: Monday, June 4 – Wednesday, June 6

Mission Trip Leader: Lisa Rohrbaugh

Registration and Deposit Deadline: Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Lodging: We will be staying at North Cross UMC; 1321 NE Vivion Rd, KCMO. There are men's and women's showers on site! We will be sleeping on the floor – you will need a sleeping bag and pillow! Packing space will be limited; a packing list will be provided at the next meeting.

Cost: We expect the cost to be no more than \$85. This cost is available because of monies that will be earned at Grace Extravaganza on March 2, 2018. (Partial scholarships are available; the scholarship form is available in the Youth Office and on the website at graceumc.church/youth. The form must be submitted with your student's registration by Sunday, January 31, 2018.)

Payment Schedule:

1/31/18: \$35 non-refundable deposit is due with the registration form.

3/1/18: \$25 second payment is due. **4/18/18:** \$25 final payment is due.

Travel: Church bus plus a rental van. – Space will be limited for luggage.

Partner Organization: We will be working with City Union Mission. This organization offers numerous services to women, men, youth and the community at large. Their programs include a shelter, education programs that teach in life- and job-skills, transitional housing program, food assistance, school clothing program, and youth camps. Students should expect to have experience doing a couple different types of work, and may have the ability to interact with City Union Mission staff as well as clients. Due to the nature of the organization and the number of volunteers that assist them, we will not know what our jobs will be until we arrive each day.

Fun Day: Our Fun Day activity will take place on Wednesday afternoon. We will finish our work day then head out for an afternoon activity and dinner.

2018 KANSAS CITY MISSION TRIP IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 31, 2018: <u>REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT DUE!</u> – \$35 non-refundable deposit due with registration.

January 31 and May 30, 2018: <u>MISSION TRIP COMMUNITY NIGHTS</u> – All middle school students participating in a mission trip are required to attend these Wednesday evenings, which will help us prepare for our upcoming trip.

February 26 - March 2, 2018 – (times vary): <u>GRACE EXTRAVAGANZA</u> – Grace Extravaganza is our annual fundraiser to support missions at Grace UMC. This event covers half the cost of the mission trips we take and allows us to keep the trips affordable for our families. In an effort to thank our congregation for their support, students attending mission trips are **required** to participate in this event AND **required** to sign-up in advance. (We can't accept walk-up volunteers because of the complexity of the evening.) More details to come in February.

March 1, 2018: PAYMENT DUE – \$25 second payment due.

April 18, 2018: PAYMENT DUE – \$25 final payment due.

April 18, 2018 – 6:30-7:00pm: MISSION TRIP MEETING – All students participating are *required* to attend this meeting, <u>as well as a parent</u>. This meeting will include final details for our trip such as packing list, fun night info, final paperwork, etc.

June 3, 2018 – 9:15am service: Please join us as we worship as a youth community in the 9:15am service where the participants for the 6th grade mission trip and the High School mission trip will be consecrated.

June 4, 2018 – 6:00pm: <u>DEPARTURE DAY</u> – All participants meet at Ridgeview at 6:00pm, either having eaten beforehand or with a sack dinner. We will load up and head to North Cross UMC and begin our mission experience!

June 6, 2018 – 8:00pm: RETURN DAY – The 6th grade mission trip crew returns to Ridgeview, <u>no later than</u> 8:00pm!

June 20, 2018: MISSION TRIP REUNION – All 6th grade mission trip participants are invited to get together to reconnect, share mission trip memories and have dinner together. Details to come.

June 24, 2018 – 9:15am service: Please join us as we worship as a youth community in the 9:15am service where the participants for the $7^{th}/8^{th}$ grade mission trip will be consecrated.