

Great Lakes Conference News & Events

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Mission Trip to Puerto Rico: April 10-17, 2018



The Work:

Clean-up and construction with an emphasis on

developing kind and loving relationships with the Puerto Rican people. The focus may change as time passes and the needs of the Puerto Rican people shift.

Participants:

We need people who are hardy, physically capable, and relatively free from known medical conditions that could hamper the work or endanger the individual. It will be hot and muggy. We need to understand the living conditions and working conditions could be rough. We need the following (do not need to be professionals):

- Builders (walls, roofs, etc.): carpenters, roofers electricians, masons, tilers, plumbers, painters, etc.
- Cleaners: people who are capable of getting into and cleaning up muck

- Medical personnel: It would be good to have a medical person (nurse or doctor) with each team, though they will also need to be willing to do whatever is necessary in the way of cleaning or building. We can also send teams solely made of medical personnel.
- People who speak Spanish and can do one or more of the above.

Costs:

- It will cost \$600 per person (flights not included).
- Need to raise \$5,000 for building supplies per 10-15 people.
- **Deposits due to GLC by Jan 26.**

If you can not go April 10-17, but would like to go, tell when me you are available. I will see if we can get another group together to go to Puerto Rico at a different date.

Please let us know asap if you are "in" and send your \$50 deposit. Contact Jody Eidnes at the GLC office: 734-451-4670; jody@greatlakes.cc for more info.

Upcoming Annual Meeting and Gather '18 Information

Please remember to select delegates for the 2018 GLC Annual Celebration and for Gather '18.

- GLC Annual Celebration: April 20-21, 2018 at Camp Mission Meadows, Dewittville, New York.
- Gather '18: June 21-June 23, 2018 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The GLC Annual Celebration was designed to incorporate the business of the Annual Meeting and a celebration of the ministry of all that God has done in and through the churches of the Great Lakes Conference. Registration brochures for the 2018 GLC Annual Celebration will be mailed at the beginning of February.

The Annual Meeting of the ECC (Gather) is the highest legislative body of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC), made up of representatives from Covenant churches throughout the United States and Canada. Delegates gather together for worship and fellowship, and to ordain ministers, consecrate missionaries, elect leaders, review finances, adopt a budget, and address the business of the church. Member congregations of the ECC may send delegates to Gather '18.

FCC Youngstown 200th Birthday

This past November, Faith Community Covenant Church in Youngstown, Ohio



celebrated its 200th birthday. FCC joined the ECC in 2009, prior to that it was part of the United Church of Christ, having been formed by a merger between two congregations in Youngstown (the younger one only dating from 1856!). Joining the celebration were current and former pastors and congregants who shared memories and the history of the church. Two former pastors and Superintendent Garth McGrath gave words of encouragement and hope during the service. Gary Walter, President of the ECC sent along greetings via video. Mike Zabel, the current lead pastor challenged the congregation to remember that the God who was with the founders 200 years ago is still with them today.

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