



“Here Until the Work Is Done IV”
A Time for Ecumenical Worship, Witness and Work

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1 Corinthians 15:58 (NRSV)

Ecumenical Work Week – FAQs

1. How do I participate in Ecumenical Work Week?

- a. Assign a group leader to be responsible for making and confirming reservations. If you aren't coming in a group, you are still very welcome to participate.
- b. Download registration packet at www.nationalministries.org/caring_ministries/vim and return application and release forms with the \$25 per person registration fee.
- c. Once the forms are received, you will receive a confirmation letter/e-mail and a volunteer information packet. The volunteer information packet will include detailed information on housing, the agenda, what to expect and what to bring.

2. What is the time commitment?

Volunteers are asked to serve one week. Arrive on Sunday, work Monday-Friday, and travel home on Saturday. If your schedule only permits you to come for part of the week, you are definitely welcome to join us.

3. Are there any age requirements?

NO! Youth groups must include an appropriate ratio of 1 adult advisor for every 4 youth of each gender.

4. Do I need to be a member of a church?

No. People of all faith traditions are welcome to participate.

5. How can I help even if I can't go to Ecumenical Work Week?

- a. Sponsor someone else that desires to attend.
- b. Host a fundraiser to support volunteers and other costs.
- c. Contact your denominational press and ask them to write a story.
- d. Offer prayers for the region and the volunteers.

6. What type of work will I be doing?

There is normally a variety of home repair activities like painting, laying sheet rock, and cutting grass.

7. What do I need to bring with me?

- Work clothes that can get dirty and are loose-fitting and suitable for hot, sunny, humid days
- A change of clothes for the end of the work day
- Shoes that are suitable for high construction work
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Water bottle (suggested)
- Close-toed shoes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Plastic or cotton work gloves
- Personal hygiene items



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8. Do I have to bring my own tools?

No. Usually, the local organization has all of the tools that are needed. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own hardhat, eye protection and work gloves; however safety equipment will be provided for those who do not have any. Volunteers are notified if they need to bring any particular tools.

9. Do I need to have construction skills?

No. Unskilled volunteers, male or female, with a willingness to learn are invited to work alongside those who are skilled.

10. Is there any other kind of help needed besides construction?

Yes. People are needed to run errands and to help the Ecumenical Work Week run smoothly.

11. Is there any special training?

Volunteers are not required to receive special training. The local disaster organization trains volunteers to serve in various areas of construction.