

# **Immersion & Service Experiences**

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### **Home Grown Options**

**For**

**Parish Youth Groups,  
Catholic Schools,  
Campus Ministries, &  
Young Adult Groups**



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Friends & Colleagues,

In the past year or two we in the Office of Justice & Peace have heard from our friends in Youth Ministry, Campus Ministry, Catholic Schools, and Christian Formation that they are looking for immersion experiences in charity and justice work that are closer to home.

This booklet is our office's attempt to answer this call for "home grown" experiences.

In this booklet we have collected basic information about many exciting service and immersion experiences – including the Eastern Shore, Christmas carols at the Norfolk jail, the Richmond Slave Trail, St. Joseph's Housing Program in southwest Virginia, and our diocesan Habits of Creation Immersion Retreat.

We hope that you find this resource booklet on these local experiences to be helpful. If you have questions or suggestions about other good immersion programs, please do not hesitate to contact me at (804) 622-5125 or <[mstone@richmonddioocese.org](mailto:mstone@richmonddioocese.org)>.

Many thanks for all of your efforts to provide good formation experiences for young people in our Church's social teaching ...

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Michael Stone  
Director



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## Eastern Shore Sojourn

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	Eastern Shore Sojourn
<b>Type of experience:</b>	Activities can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attending Spanish Mass in a migrant worker camp;</li> <li>▪ Recreation activities with migrant farm workers and their children;</li> <li>▪ Gleaning crops from fields; and</li> <li>▪ Repairing homes or helping Habitat for Humanity build a home.</li> </ul>
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	Office of Migrant Ministry - Catholic Diocese of Richmond
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Virginia's Eastern Shore peninsula (Accomack & Northampton Counties)
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Eight months - March through October
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: Previous experiences were maximum of 4 nights <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	Can accommodate groups from 7 up to 40, with participants sleeping on the floor of a church social hall.
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	Travel and meal expenses (though some meals have been donated by local churches in the past). Tools or materials needed for a service project.
<b>Other important information:</b>	
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	James Albright, Diocesan Migrant Ministry Coordinator
<b>Address</b>	P.O. Box 584
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<b>E-mail</b>	jalbright@richmonddiocese.org
<b>Website</b>	None

## Advent Immersion Experience - Norfolk

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	Advent Immersion Experience – homelessness & incarceration
<b>Type of experience:</b>	Christmas carols at the Norfolk city jail followed by a faith reflection on incarceration and homelessness, overnight on the church floor, and dining with our homeless sisters and brothers in the morning.
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	<i>Justice Walking and Voices that Challenge</i> (diocesan social justice youth groups)
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Sacred Heart Parish in Norfolk
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Advent
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> One day <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	Up to 40
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	Snack to share
<b>Other important information:</b>	Sleeping bag and warm clothing
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	Teresa Stanley, Tidewater Liaison for diocesan Office of Justice & Peace
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<b>Website</b>	None

## Walking Stations of the Cross - Norfolk

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	Walking Stations of the Cross
<b>Type of experience:</b>	Justice walk through downtown Norfolk
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	<i>Justice Walking and Voices that Challenge</i> (diocesan social justice youth groups)
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Norfolk
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Good Friday
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One day <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	No limit
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	None
<b>Other important information:</b>	Participants should have good walking shoes
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	Teresa Stanley, Tidewater Liaison for diocesan Office of Justice & Peace
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<b>E-mail</b>	teresstanley@nethosters.com
<b>Website</b>	http:www.voicesthatchallenge.com

## Richmond Slave Trail

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	Richmond Slave Trail
<b>Type of experience:</b>	Pilgrimage of local historical sites related to Richmond's slave trade
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	James River Park
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Richmond, VA
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Tuesdays through Friday until 6:00pm. Some Saturday dates are possible if request is made far enough in advance.
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One day <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	Up to 25-30 people.
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	\$5 fee for each participant.
<b>Other important information:</b>	Two versions of the walk are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Short version (½ mile): Takes 60-90 minutes</li> <li>▪ Long version (4 miles): Takes about three hours.</li> </ul> Please be sure that participants wear comfortable walking shoes.
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	Ralph White, James River Park Manager
<b>Address</b>	4001 Riverside Drive
<b>Town/Zip</b>	Richmond, VA 23225
<b>Telephone</b>	(804) 646-8911
<b>E-mail</b>	jriverpk@aol.com
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/visitor/tours.aspx#slave">http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/visitor/tours.aspx#slave</a>

## Walking Stations of the Cross - Richmond

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	Good Friday Stations of the Cross
<b>Type of experience:</b>	3 hour prayer event, walking through the Church Hill section of Richmond
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	Holy Rosary Catholic Church and Pax Christi Richmond
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Richmond
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Good Friday
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One day <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	Any size
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	None
<b>Other important information:</b>	
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	John Gallini, Pax Christi Richmond Volunteer Leader
<b>Address</b>	10200 Gwynnbrook Rd
<b>Town/Zip</b>	Richmond, VA 23235
<b>Telephone</b>	(804) 272-8141
<b>E-mail</b>	gallinjb@aol.com
<b>Website</b>	None

## St. Jerome Work Camp - Buckingham

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	St Jerome Work Camp
<b>Type of experience:</b>	Mission trip & service work
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	St Jerome
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Buckingham, VA
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Normally the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in July (Missioners of Christ go to the same place at a later week)
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> One day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	We have a group of 45 people on a daily basis but more than 60 are involved
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	\$100 plus some fundraising if you are not a member of the parish
<b>Other important information:</b>	
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	P. Eric Palm, Youth Minister at St. Jerome's Parish
<b>Address</b>	116 Denbigh Blvd
<b>Town/Zip</b>	Newport News 23608
<b>Telephone</b>	(757) 877-3771
<b>E-mail</b>	youth@stjeromennva.org
<b>Website</b>	http://www.stjeromennva.org

## Little Flower Catholic Worker Farm - Louisa County

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	Visit to Little Flower
<b>Type of experience:</b>	Immersion/visit with intentional community. Groups have had dinner with the community, then a tour. Also a possibility of service work as well.
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	Little Flower Catholic Worker Farm
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Trevilians in Louisa County – about 60 minutes west of Richmond and 25 minutes east of Charlottesville
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Probably not during the winter since the site is more suitable for an outdoor experience. Spring and autumn are ideal times to visit.
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One day <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	5-12 people would be ideal
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people (if there are guests) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	None
<b>Other important information:</b>	Might be a little radical for some. Community members often speak about civil disobedience, Christian anarchism, etc. Groups need to know what they are getting in to. This immersion will challenge people and push past their comfort zones as long as there is appropriate debriefing.  This is also a good ecological immersion. The community is very “green” – straw bale construction, composting toilet, organic gardening, etc.
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	Bill & Sue Frankl-Streit, Resident leaders of the farm community
<b>Address</b>	16560 Trevilians Road
<b>Town/Zip</b>	Trevilians, VA 23093
<b>Telephone</b>	(540) 967-5574
<b>E-mail</b>	littleflowercw@wildmail.com
<b>Website</b>	None

## Innisfree Village - Crozet

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	Visit to Innisfree
<b>Type of experience:</b>	An intentional residential community with adults with developmental disabilities, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	Innisfree Village
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Crozet, Virginia – about 20 miles west of Charlottesville.
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Probably best not in the winter.
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One day <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	5-12 people would be most appropriate
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service experience (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	None
<b>Other important information:</b>	Not explicitly Christian like the L'Arche communities founded by Jean Vanier, but Innisfree exemplifies tenets of Catholic social teaching well – sanctity of life, dignity of work, and care for creation. Innisfree is as much an eco-village as it a home for adults with developmental disabilities.
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	Nancy Chappell, Innisfree Community Coordinator
<b>Address</b>	5505 Walnut Level Road
<b>Town/Zip</b>	Crozet, VA 22932
<b>Telephone</b>	(434) 823-5400
<b>E-mail</b>	info@innisfreevillage.org
<b>Website</b>	http://www.innisfreevillage.org/

## St. Joseph's Housing Repair Program - Clintwood

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	St. Joseph's Housing Repair Program
<b>Type of experience:</b>	Housing repairs for low/no income families & senior citizens.
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	St. Joseph's Catholic Church & Sisters of the Holy Cross
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Clintwood, VA (in Southwest Virginia)
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Fall Breaks, Summer, & Spring Breaks
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> One day <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	20 to 25 participants
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	Groups are responsible for their travel, food, and a program of \$250 per person for building supplies & materials.
<b>Other important information:</b>	Groups repair the homes of low and no income residents of Dickenson County. Projects depend on the skill level of the participants. Each work group is under the leadership of a program staff person who brings the supplies, materials, and tools to the work site. Groups will be advised on what to bring with them for the week's event.
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	Sister Jean Korkisch, CSC - Program Director
<b>Address</b>	P.O. Box 835
<b>Town/Zip</b>	Clintwood, VA 24228
<b>Telephone</b>	(276) 926-4328
<b>E-mail</b>	sjbcsc@verizon.net
<b>Website</b>	None

## Buchanan Neighbors United Home Repairs

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	Buchanan Neighbors United Home Repairs
<b>Type of experience:</b>	Opportunity for home repairs with & for low income families
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	Buchanan Neighbors United
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Far Southwest Virginia (Grundy in Buchanan County)
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	March, April, May, June, September, & October
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> One day <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	24 persons including leaders and students
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue ** <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	\$175 per person (includes meals and sleeping arrangements)
<b>Other important information:</b>	** If desired, a faith reflection including Catholic social teaching can be provided by the Appalachian Office of Justice & Peace. Contact the office at (276) 762-5050 or <jhanrahan@richmonddiocese.org>
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	Gertrude Hibbitts
<b>Address</b>	Buchanan Neighbors United P.O. Box 1463
<b>Town/Zip</b>	Grundy, VA 24614
<b>Telephone</b>	(276) 935-1822
<b>E-mail</b>	bnuhomes@ntelos.net

## Family Crisis Support Services

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	Hope House, Guest House, Frances House, & Parsons House
<b>Type of experience:</b>	Assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault as well as those needing emergency and transitional housing.
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	Family Crisis Support Services, Inc.
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Southwestern Virginia
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	Responsible for cost of housing and food.
<b>Other important information:</b>	Family Crisis Support Services welcomes any volunteer assistance on housing projects, food preparation, and thrift store assistance.
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	Susan Mullins, Executive Director
<b>Address</b>	P.O. Box 692
<b>Town/Zip</b>	Norton, Virginia 24273
<b>Telephone</b>	(276) 679-7240
<b>E-mail</b>	fcssinc@comcast.net
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.family-crisis.com/">http://www.family-crisis.com/</a>

## Fourth World Movement

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	Learning Co-op
<b>Type of experience:</b>	Workshops conducted by local people and volunteer staff as well as information about poverty within the region and globally.
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	Fourth World Movement / Appalachia
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Dickenson County, Virginia
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Any time
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One day <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	Up to 25 people
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	Visitors must provide their own lunch. Contributions to the program are welcome.
<b>Other important information:</b>	Call at least one month in advance to set up date
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	Fanchette Fanelli
<b>Address</b>	1297 Reedy Ridge
<b>Town/Zip</b>	Clintwood, VA. 24228
<b>Telephone</b>	(276) 835 1540
<b>E-mail</b>	fvfanelli@comcast.net
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.4thworldmovement.org/">http://www.4thworldmovement.org/</a>

## St. Mary's Health Wagon & Remote Area Medical Event

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	St. Mary's Health Wagon & Remote Area Medical Events
<b>Type of experience:</b>	Hands-on activities with these health ministries
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	St. Mary's Health Wagon
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Southwest Virginia
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Anytime for a visit, but our need is greatest in spring and summer to prepare for <b>the Remote Area Medical event on July 24-26, 2009</b> . In the autumn, however, we do need help with the follow-up. For July 2009, any medical personnel are highly desirable, but lay people are also needed to help put out flyers and signs in preparation.
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	2 – 4 possibly
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue ** <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	See local hotels or contact Appalachian Office of Justice and Peace, at (276) 762-5050 for other housing options.
<b>Other important information:</b>	** If desired, a faith reflection including Catholic social teaching can be provided by the Appalachian Office of Justice & Peace. Contact the office at (276) 762-5050 or <jhanrahan@richmonddiocese.org>
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	Teresa Gardner
<b>Address</b>	119 Number Ten Street
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## Southwest Virginia Immersion & Beatitude Retreat

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	Immersion & Beatitude Retreat Experience
<b>Type of experience:</b>	This retreat weekend will combine presentations on the spirituality of the Beatitudes with an immersion experience – visiting Appalachian communities and learning about local needs in health care, housing, addiction, prison ministry, and the environment.
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	Appalachian Office of Justice & Peace
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Jubilee Retreat Center in Abingdon & the coalfields of Southwest Virginia
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Weekend of Friday, March 20 through Sunday, March 22, 2009
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> One day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	20 single occupancy or 40 double occupancy
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Transportation of group members to & from local immersion sites from the retreat center
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	\$55 for commuter, \$110 for overnight accommodations. Payable to the Jubilee House Retreat Center.
<b>Other important information:</b>	Registration is required. The retreat begins at 7:00pm on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday, approximately 1:00pm.
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	Director of Jubilee House Retreat Center
<b>Address</b>	822 E. Main Street
<b>Town/Zip</b>	Abingdon, VA 24210
<b>Telephone</b>	(276) 619-0919
<b>E-mail</b>	info@JubileeRetreat.com
<b>Website</b>	http://www.JubileeRetreat.com

## Habits of Creation Immersion Retreat

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	“Habits of Creation” Immersion Retreat
<b>Type of experience:</b>	One-day experience in the spirituality of creation and the call to care for God’s creation
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	Appalachian Office of Justice and Peace
<b>Location/Region:</b>	This retreat “comes to you”
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Anytime weather permits
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One day <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	Minimum of 10 and maximum of 20
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school <small>(possibly middle school students depending on chaperones and maturity of group)</small>
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people (i.e., the natural world) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	Food costs
<b>Other important information:</b>	Group needs to provide a site, ideally an outdoor environment with access to an indoor space with electricity.
<b>Contact information:</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	Susan Hedge, Diocesan Ecological Educator
<b>Telephone</b>	(540) 725-2197
<b>E-mail</b>	shedge@richmonddiocese.org
<b>Website</b>	None

## Haiti Immersion Retreat

<b>Name of Experience:</b>	Immersion Retreat to Haiti
<b>Type of experience:</b>	The immersion retreat is designed to give the participants a firsthand experience of conditions in impoverished countries. Participants are introduced to the history, culture, economic, political and spiritual aspects of Haiti and are given an opportunity to begin to establish relationships with Haitian people. These experiences are called retreats because they are done in the context of prayer and reflection.
<b>Sponsoring Organization:</b>	Office of Justice and Peace Haiti Ministry
<b>Location/Region:</b>	Haiti
<b>Time of year when groups can be accommodated:</b>	Any time of the year
<b>Time Frame:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> One day <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full week
<b>Size of group that can be accommodated:</b>	Seven to nine people
<b>Participant age ranges:</b>	Check all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults & college age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school
<b>What organization provides:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Service experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with poor and/or vulnerable people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue being faced by people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History and/or culture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>What group needs to provide:</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Debriefing of the experience <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Social analysis of the issue <input type="checkbox"/> Faith reflection
<b>Costs for which visitors are responsible:</b>	The cost is \$1,400.00 per person this include air fare and all expenses
<b>Other important information:</b>	There is a Diocesan Youth Policy for youth traveling to Haiti which must be followed. This policy can be accessed through the web site. There is a mandatory orientation retreat prior to the trip held on a Friday night and Saturday at a retreat House. Some immunizations are needed and a passport is needed.
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