

Summer 2025



Dear Friends and Family,

From January 2-10, 2026 I will be traveling to Puerto Rico for a service learning experience with young adults through the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. Reflecting on our collective purpose, "Walking Together For the Sake of God's Mission in the World," participants of this trip will learn from local organizations that are serving the neighbors in their communities. Although we will not know our detailed schedule until this fall, previous young adult trips have included: constructing bed frames and wheelchair ramps, packaging dry goods in a food bank, assembling disaster relief kits, prepping garden beds with and for refugee communities, learning about fair trade products, ecology and environmental impacts on agriculture and economies, ministry partnerships, and new ways to worship.

We will also take time to discover the rich culture of Puerto Rico - the history, government, food, agriculture, and ecosystems - providing us with a deeper understanding of our neighbors there, education about local initiatives and programs, and a sense of curiosity about how God shows up in the world around us. Undoubtedly, we will return home inspired, wondering how God might be calling us to serve neighbors and creation in meaningful ways.

This experience will also provide a unique peer community where we can talk openly and authentically about faith and our spiritual lives, pray together, and serve together. As we learn from and grow with other young adults, these relationships will provide invaluable connections, new ideas, challenging and fulfilling conversations, and help us to see our own environments through a new lens.

The total cost of this trip will be \$1,400 per person which we need to raise by October 1. And, we could use prayer to accompany us as we prepare our hearts to learn from our neighbors in Puerto Rico. If you feel called to share support, whether through prayer or a financial contribution, you can do so using the following information. Thank you for your generous support of ministry with young adults!

Together in Christ,

*If mailing a donation or prayer, please return the portion below. If making an online donation, please use links below.
Thank you!*

My name and congregation/city: _____

____ I would like to support this young adult experience with a financial donation:

- ____ I have enclosed a check for \$_____ to help offset the cost OR
- ____ I will make a donation online using the QR code or by visiting:
 - <https://nswsi.org/young-adults>
 - scroll to "young adult service learning trip-Puerto Rico"



____ I would like to pray for the young adults participating in this experience.

Here is my prayer: (which will be shared with participants at evening devotions during the trip.)
