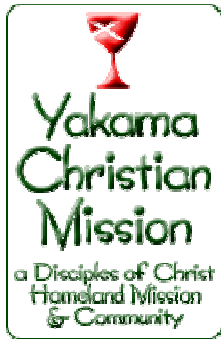


## Other Helpful Info About the Trip



*"Work groups that come to the Mission . . . find a . . . holistic experience. . . . In addition to the traditional physical aspect of working in the community and on the Mission property, we also engage each group in learning about the principles of culture, race, and ethnicity, so that they return to their home congregations with a better understanding of justice."*

*"A trip to the Yakama Nation will allow youth, adult, and intergenerational groups the opportunity to serve within one of the poorest communities in Washington State. Not only is the community of White Swan directly impacted by the work of the groups, but individuals also return home with new eyes to see systemic racism and other oppressive structures. Many of these people go on to lead further mission trips, and the justice-love of God continues to grow!"*

### **Direct from the Mission . . . What Do We Bring?**

**Clothing** -- Closed Toe Shoes \* Shorts \* Long Pants \* Hat \* Gloves \* T-Shirts \* Coat or Jacket

**For Hiking and Walking** – Water Bottle \* Day Pack \* Swimsuit

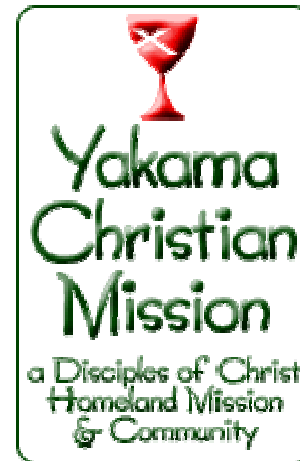
**Bed Articles** Pillow \* Sleeping Bag \* appropriate sleepwear

**Food** -- None! \* All Food provided by the Mission \* Know that due to high rates of diabetes, soda/pop and candy are not allowed at the Mission or on projects sites during the week. [ACC Note: please bring a little money for lunch on the way home on Friday.]

**Toiletries** Comb / Brush \* Toothpaste and a brush if your finger won't do \* Deodorant, for your roommates! \* Soap \* Towel \* Container to carry toiletries to and from the shower \* Personal first aid kit...and other stuff

### **Direct from the Mission . . . What Don't We Bring?**

\* iPods/CD players, snacks/candy, walkie-talkies (if you bring them for the drive out, please leave them in your vehicles...) \* inappropriate clothing (think: conservative school district rules- no skimpy tops, short-shorts, no obscene or offensive graphics) \* tobacco products \* cell phones (one per group for emergencies only, please) [for ACC, may bring one while traveling].



## Yakama Mission

### Learning and Service Trip

**June 21-26, 2009**

**Who:** All ages with kids younger than middle school accompanied by a parent or adult family member.

**What:** Working and learning in a setting unfamiliar to many of us, growing in understanding of racism and justice in the context of community.

**When:** Sunday through Friday, June 21-26, leaving after worship on Sunday, and returning by Friday afternoon.

**Where:** White Swan, Washington, staying on the site of the Yakama Mission and working at the Mission site as well as on the reservation. There are twenty bunk beds and lots of floor space, and we'll cook together in a kitchen in the log church at the mission.

**Why:** To help people in need, to grow in our understanding of systemic societal issues such as racism and social and economic injustice, to appreciate the gifts of all people, to live in community with others, and to value these lessons, bringing them back home or wherever we may be.

**How:** Bringing a spirit of servanthood, desire to learn, interest in working, and an attitude of humility and flexibility. The early bird cost per participant is \$275 per person (by May 17), plus \$10 for transportation. This covers the cost of all work supplies, food, and lodging for the trip. If you are interested in going, but do not presently have the funds available, you may request funds from the Local and Global Mission Fund which can cover anywhere from 50% to 95% of the total cost. The purpose of this fund is to make opportunities available regardless of financial ability. All are encouraged to earn or raise as much of the funds as they can. *(After May 17, registration fees go up \$25.)*

**Registration:** Register as soon as possible. We will be sending in a group registration after the May 17 early bird deadline.