



Grace Presbytery College Mission 2009-10

**December 26, 2009-January 3, 2010:
Pueblo, Colorado**



**SPONSORED BY
THE YOUTH MINISTRIES COMMITTEE OF GRACE PRESBYTERY,
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

**INFORMATION and
REGISTRATION PACKET**

GRACE PRESBYTERY
“College Mission 2009-2010”

**Memo from Grace Presbytery
Youth Ministries Committee**

Dear Friends:

As a result of three very successful adventures, Grace Presbytery is now ready to sponsor its fourth “College Mission” trip for the college age young adults of our congregations. “College Mission 2009-10” is planned for the following dates December 26, 2009 – January 3, 2010.

Due to the current unsettled atmosphere in Ciudad Juarez, we will not head in that direction this winter. Instead, we will be building a team of 17-18 students to join us as we return to spend the holiday season with our friends at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pueblo, Colorado. We are currently lining up projects that will be beneficial to the Westminster congregation and Pueblo community. In addition, we will have plenty of time for fellowship, worship, spiritual renewal, and relaxation!

One special feature of this year’s trip will be a New Year’s “Play Day” in the snow. We are gathering information about that opportunity and will have it ready to share with the trip participants in early December.

The cost of this trip remains at \$200 per person. As with our summer youth trips, we will have scholarship funds available to assist participants, but these funds are somewhat limited. We strongly encourage participants to invite their local congregation or faith community to share in their financial support.

To be considered for this team: individuals must complete and return the following papers, which are a part of this packet:

- ♦ The Application
- ♦ The Participant’s Covenant of Community
- ♦ The Endorsement from Local Church Session or Campus Ministry Group

In addition, a refundable Deposit of **\$25** must be included. Checks or money orders should be made out to “Grace Presbytery”.

Please mail, or e-mail your completed application packet to:

Grace Presbytery – CMT, Attn: Rick Carus
6100 Colwell Blvd, Suite 100
Irving, Texas 75039
E-MAIL: rick@gracepresbytery.org

Applications must be received no later than November 1, 2009. Applications will be reviewed during the week of November 1 and participants will be notified of their selection no later than November 12, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact us. We would be very happy to answer your questions.

Yours in Christ,

The CMT Planning Team

Ted McKown, Co-Director

Wes Stiefer, Co-Director

GRACE PRESBYTERY
“College Mission – 2009-10”

Application Form

(Please return this form with the Endorsement Forms and the Refundable Deposit.)

Please give full and accurate information that will enable the staff to know you and your abilities as we consider your request to be a part of this mission team. The information on this form is confidential.

Please type or print very clearly!

NAME _____ MALE/FEMALE _____

MAILING
ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PRIMARY PHONE _____ ALTERNATE PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____ GRAD YEAR _____

BIRTHDATE _____

MEMBER OF _____ PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH --or--
CAMPUS MINISTRY GROUP

PASTOR/CAMPUS PASTOR _____

PLEASE SHARE WITH US YOUR RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Briefly, share a statement of your personal faith. What has been one of the most significant experiences in the development of your faith?

2. In what ways are you, and have you been, involved in the life and ministry of your faith community (local congregation, fellowship, or campus ministry)?

3. Why do you want to be a part of "College Mission – 2009-2010"?

4. What particular gifts or talents is God calling you to share as a part of this mission experience? This will give us an idea of the talents and experiences of the group members, so that we can plan for our ministry together. Please check everything that applies and feel free to fill in the blanks!

<input type="checkbox"/> Play Piano	<input type="checkbox"/> Singing	<input type="checkbox"/> Acting
<input type="checkbox"/> Play Guitar	<input type="checkbox"/> Dancing	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing
<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Worship	<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Singing	<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Games
<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Bible Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts
<input type="checkbox"/> Name It _____		

<input type="checkbox"/> Certified: Lifeguard	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified: First Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified: CPR
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Certifications _____		

<input type="checkbox"/> Painting	<input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry	<input type="checkbox"/> Roofing
<input type="checkbox"/> Laying Floor Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Drywalling	<input type="checkbox"/> Scraping
<input type="checkbox"/> Brick-laying	<input type="checkbox"/> Yard-work/Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/> Installing Doors/Windows
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing	<input type="checkbox"/> Cement Work
<input type="checkbox"/> Others: Name Them _____		

Do you speak a foreign language? _____ If so, which one(s)? _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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**SESSION/FAITH COMMUNITY/CAMPUS MINISTRY ENDORSEMENT
GRACE PRESBYTERY "COLLEGE MISSION TRIP – 2009-10"**

All applicants must have the endorsement of their congregation's session, faith community governing board, or campus ministry organization. This form must accompany the application form in order for the application to be considered complete.

We, the session/governing board of _____ (circle one)
Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian NCD, Presbyterian Fellowship,

-- or --

I, the Campus Pastor of _____, _____,
(Name of Ministry) (City)

_____ endorse _____ for selection as a member
(State)
of the Grace Presbytery "College Mission Team 2008-09".

We confirm that this person is a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ and an active member of our congregation/NCD/fellowship/campus ministry organization.

Date of Church Membership: _____

Dates of Involvement with NCD or Fellowship: _____

Dates of Involvement with Campus Ministry Group: _____

We understand that this person has signed a personal covenant in applying for this trip. We pledge to be faithful in supporting this young person as he/she seek to fulfill this covenant within the community of Grace Presbytery's "College Mission 2008-09".

We pledge to actively support _____ with our prayers, encouragement, and best wishes, and if possible, monetary support.

Date _____

Clerk of Session/Member of Campus Ministry Leadership Team or Board

Signature _____

Date _____

Pastor/Moderator of the Session/Campus Pastor _____

**GRACE PRESBYTERY "COLLEGE MISSION 2009-10"
PARTICIPANT'S PERSONAL COVENANT**

If selected to be a part of the Grace Presbytery "College Mission 2008-09" Team:

I, _____, agree to live within the covenant of community that has been established for this team. I agree to take responsibility for my actions, to show respect for others, and to be open in heart and mind.

My participation in this community is a privilege that involves my total commitment to, and involvement in, the life of this group. I agree to abide by the decisions of the community and of the leadership team as those decisions relate to the life of the community of which I am a part, including decisions that relate to mode of dress, community responsibilities, recreational activities, and group schedules.

I agree to deal lovingly with others who compose this community of faith. When difficult moments or disagreements arise, I commit myself to seek out forgiveness and reconciliation, bringing the love of Christ to bear upon those times.

I understand that my safety and the safety of the group are important to the leaders of this team. I agree to always travel with at least one other person, and to honor decisions that are made by the leadership of the team.

I understand that I will be required to carry my share of the responsibilities related to the life of this community. I agree to become an active participant in all aspects of our community life, carrying at least my share of the load and supporting others when they cannot.

I fully understand that alcoholic beverages, tobacco products of any kind, drugs, and sexual activity are prohibited within the life of this community. I agree to abide by these prohibitions, not only for my own personal well-being, but also for the well-being of the entire group. I further understand that if I cannot fulfill my obligation to this covenant, either through inappropriate behavior or violation of community rules that I can, and will, be sent home at my personal expense.

Finally, knowing who I am and whose I am, I commit myself to live out this covenant to the best of my ability and with the help of God.

Date: _____ Signed _____