

MORE INFORMATION

Urban Immersion Weekend at Bethel-Bethany UCC

Visiting youth open their eyes to issues that they may not have experienced in their communities, or more likely, had simply not noticed. The youth come away with an understanding of shared humanity with others who look differently from them, worship differently, and have different life circumstances. As they see how UCC Justice Ministries are seeking to alleviate social injustice, they leave with both a sense of hope, and a deeper understanding of their own faith and its connection to justice.

Visitors to Milwaukee experience diversity through a weekend of worship, service, food and cultural history. Participants have dinner in community with homeless Milwaukeeans at St. Ben's Community meal, worship with an African-American congregation at Greater Mt Sinai C.O.G.I.C., work on a service project, and visit the Islamic Society of Milwaukee to witness midday prayers. For fun and culture, they go to the Public Market downtown for lunch and later are the guests of Bethel-Bethany for a home-cooked soul food dinner.

In this time of sharply defined contrasts in our society, we have learned that connecting communities of people on a personal level increases our understanding of each other and reminds us that we are all brothers and sisters under one God. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only love can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

After 30 years of working with UCC youth, we have also come away with a sense of hope and the belief that they are the light of our future.

For more information, and to download an application, contact Bethel-Bethany UCC at 414-442-1281 or online at BBUCC.org/urban_immersion

URBAN IMMERSION

Weekend Youth Retreat Program



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RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

Our Christian Neighbors

Mt Sinai Church of God in Christ



Our Muslim Neighbors

Islamic Society of Milwaukee



- ▶ Witness the different ways people pray
- ▶ Experience worship at Mt Sinai Church of God in Christ
- ▶ Visit the Islamic Center to learn about the Muslim faith and afternoon prayers

ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

Our Homeless Neighbors

The Guest House



Our Hungry Neighbors

Making Sandwiches



- ▶ Tour the Guest House of Milwaukee, a homeless shelter for men
- ▶ Make sandwiches for the men's lunch and for distribution to the neighborhood
- ▶ Dinner and reflection at St Ben's Community Meal

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Our Immigrant Heritage

Ethnic Food at Public Market



Our African-American Heritage

Soul Food Dinner



- ▶ Lunch at the Milwaukee Public Market with a variety of ethnic food options
- ▶ Home-made Soul food dinner at Bethel-Bethany