

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
KATRINA RELIEF TEAM FAQs
Mission & Witness Committee

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Katrina Relief Team Travel Dates: Saturday, March 17, 2007 to
Saturday, March 24, 2007

Contact Kathy Brown or the Church Office for more information!

Health Requirements

- People who are in good general health with appropriate personal protection can do meaningful work regardless of their strength.
- It is not recommended that you work in the disaster area if you have compromised immunity, respiratory or heart conditions, or other health condition which prevents physical activity or mobility.
- Up-to-date tetanus shots are required, Hepatitis A and B are strongly recommended.

Housing Site and Host Church

- **Presbytery of South Louisiana**
First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans
5401 S. Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, 70125
Pastor, Cliff Nunn – 504-866-7409, fpcno.org
- FPC was heavily damaged by Katrina and has been rebuilding
- Accommodations for 26 people in 5 rooms in the building
- No meals provided, site is near the city so dining out locally is an active option
- Work is coordinated through the “FISH CAMP”, operated by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Luling, LA
- Pastor Cliff Nunn will guide the group on an orientation disaster tour of the area.
- Church is located in the Broadmoor historic district with many grocery stores, small shops and building supply stores in reasonable distance from the church

Transportation Options

- New Orleans is 1072 miles from Leesburg Virginia
- Drive time per MS Streets and Trips is 17.25 hours, costs @ \$91.29.
- Airline tickets round-trip from Dulles are approximately \$300 per person
- Rental cars and vans are available in New Orleans. Costs will vary. Volunteers will share the rental costs and fuel expenses.

Anticipated Expenses

- Protective clothing, masks, respirators (\$30) as needed. Possibly order in advance in quantity for group discounts
- Airline fares, round trip OR automobile fuel and tolls, overnight lodging and meals
- Meals during travel and contributions to food for group meals and beverages for breakfast, lunch and snacks. Dinner options to be determined at a later date.
- Individual contribution to group donation to FPCNO – to be determined by group.
- Share of costs for rental vehicles.
- Some funds may be needed for building, cleaning supplies to be purchased in New Orleans. Possibly funds available from Mission & Witness budget and/or donations from congregation.
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has some scholarship funds available to help volunteers with expenses.

Type of Relief Work

- Hands-on clean up assistance, most likely “gutting” or demolition.
- May include cleaning yard debris, removing/cleaning personal property, removing sheetrock and insulation, removing carpet and other flooring, removing furniture and appliance, treating/cleaning structures with mold.
- Possibility of non-construction volunteer work available depending on interest
- All skill levels needed, friends and family invited to participate as well.