

ANNOUNCEMENT:

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SENDING KATRINA RELIEF VOLUNTEER WORK TEAM TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA FROM MARCH 17-24, 2007

The Mission and Witness committee of Leesburg Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce that a team of 18 men and women will be giving up a week of their lives to travel to the city of New Orleans to work in the hurricane relief effort. Over the past 3 months the team has been involved in workshops, meeting with a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance coordinator, other experienced volunteers and reading and talking about the complicated issues surrounding the reconstruction efforts in the devastated areas. The team will be traveling to Louisiana on Saturday, March 17, working for 5 days on projects designated by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance programs and Hosanna Industries of Pennsylvania. The group will be returning on Saturday, March 24. Lodging will be provided by the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans on Claiborne Street in the downtown area. It has been renovated to house up to 28 volunteers with showers and kitchen facilities.

The support from the Leesburg Presbyterian congregation and the community has been very generous. The Katrina Relief Team will be supported primarily by the Mission & Witness Budget for National Mission Work and also by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance who gave our church \$500 to support this mission event. Other donations include frequent flyer miles, a very generous donation from the Presbyterian Women to each one of our volunteers, other financial donations from LPC members, a gift from a St. Andrew Presbyterian family for help with travel expenses, a gift from Manassas Presbyterian Church and the Leesburg Presbyterian Youth Group donated the proceeds from their recent Pancake Supper to the Team.

Rev. Diane Hutchins, the Interim Minister at LPC, will commission the volunteers on Sunday, March 11 at both services and will also accompany the team on this mission work week. The following folks will be the Leesburg Presbyterian team: Kathy Brown, Team Coordinator, Rev. Diane Hutchins, Interim Minister at LPC, Tom Chase, Joyce Crane of Manassas Presbyterian Church, Frank Gaspereni, Beth Hood, Randy Jackson, Jason Martin of Manassas, Jennifer Morris, Shirley Pearson, , Bill Rule, Glenna Smith, Scott Smith, Kathi Stone, Rick Stone, Lynne Travis of Purcellville, Dennis Upton and Susan Witte.

If you would like to join us or find out more about this mission trip, contact Leesburg Presbyterian Church at 703-777-4163.