

## 2017 SUMMER YOUTH SERVICE TRIPS

*As the world seems more and more divided, we will continue our walk as bridge-builders and peacemakers, attempt to peel back these layers of division, and grapple with the systems that create and sustain it. On these trips we will highlight different issues surrounding economic, racial, religious, and political disparity to move us into both 'downstream' and 'upstream' actions to bring transforming Love into our world.*

### High School Mission Trip Appalachia Service Project July 22-30 (West Virginia)



ASP provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation -- bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. But ASP is more than just a building program. It creates opportunities to get to know the families of the homes you are repairing and build relationships with people from another culture and place.

The days are spent repairing houses, which might include porches, flooring, or installing insulation. The evenings include group discussions, and community building experiences. We culminate each trip with a sometimes emotional, but always connecting, sharing of our week together. To many, this trip is the highlight of our youth program. <http://www.asphome.org/>

### Middle School Mission Trip Amen/St Louis August 6-12 (St. Louis, Missouri)



The Michael Brown shooting in Ferguson, MO re-sparked a lightning rod of national dialogue around racial and economic disparity. This also brought to light the terrible systemic injustices in St. Louis County that have contributed to this disparity. In addition to talking with those affected by these injustices, we'll offer a lending hand to partner with existing agencies devoted to bridging the divide. Work ranges from youth relationship building, feeding the homeless, and helping "green-up" the city. We'll also experience the rich culture of St. Louis through fun outings and events.

<https://amenstlouis.org/>



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