

Urban Plunge: NEW ORLEANS

JUSTICE IMMERSION

The delegation traveling to New Orleans will witness first-hand the struggles left in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ida and the long process of rebuilding the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans. The New Orleans delegation will work with “lowernine.org”, a nonprofit revitalization organization for residents of the Lower 9th Ward, an area that now has less than 40% of its pre-Katrina population. The delegation will stay at Camp Hope, a non-profit organization that provides housing and food to volunteer groups in New Orleans. This trip will explore the spiritual, political, economic, racial, and environmental issues at play in New Orleans. Through intentional prayer, reflection, and conversation with locals, participants will confront the most central questions: “Why do the needs of New Orleans residents remain unmet in the face of these national crises?” This trip includes direct service/physical labor (painting, cleaning, and other unskilled labor) as a significant component of the experience.



TRIP DISTINCTIONS

- Build community with people of the Lower 9th Ward
- Help to construct and rehabilitate homes
- Easter Sunday Mass and Easter parade
- Hear Katrina survivor stories
- Emotional and spiritual reflection
- Visits to memorials
- Historical site-seeing
- Eat genuine Cajun food

Open to 10th, 11th, 12th | Capacity: 18 students | Cost: \$1750

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