



Honoring our Neighbor
Organizing for Justice
Practicing Peace
Encountering God

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Mission Statement

What is HOPE?

HOPE is Stonehill College's service immersion program. It is an acronym standing for the four main tenets of the program. HOPE is much more than a week of service. Participants of the program take part in weeks of preparation during which they learn about the four tenets, diversity, solidarity, and their specific host sites. Reflection on these and other topics also takes place on the trips to make the service more meaningful. Afterwards, groups continue to meet to further their understanding and discuss how to best advocate for the various social justice issues they encountered. HOPE aims to open its participants' eyes to the injustices around the world and across the street and hopes to motivate a passion for both change within themselves and in the world.

The Four Tenets

Honoring our Neighbor

We seek to walk alongside people in the communities to which we travel, showing our love and concern for them mostly by our presence and by any service we are asked to provide.

Organizing for Justice

By encountering situations of injustice domestically and internationally, we seek to name the underlying causes of these situations; that we might be able to work towards their resolution.

Practicing Peace

We foster and build relationships with communities to promote nonviolent understanding amongst varying cultures at home and abroad, in an effort to end indifference and ignorance.

Encountering God

Rooted in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the Gospel, we are open to finding the living God amongst those who are suffering injustices.

Proposed Schedules

****Your site or the program may have additional meetings not listed here. Committee work, fundraising and other preparations will require additional time commitments outside of the presented schedule.****

Winter Break Trips

Information Sessions:	September 8 & 9, 5:30 or 7:00 pm & September 10 at 12:00 pm in Cleary Dining Room
Participant applications available:	Monday, September 11 th
Applications due:	Friday, September 25, by 3:00 p.m.
International Interviews:	Wednesday, Sept. 30 th – Wednesday, Oct. 14 th
Applicants notified about acceptance:	Friday, October 16 th
Participant Non-Refundable Deposit due:	Friday, October 23 rd by 3:00 p.m.
Participant Orientation	Wednesday, October 28 th , 6:30-8:00 p.m.
<i>*For those who have submitted all forms and fee payments</i>	
Wednesday Night Group Meetings:	November 4, 11, 18 & December 2, 9 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Final Payments Due:	Monday, December 1 st , by 5:00 p.m.
Send-Off Mass:	Sunday, December 6 th at 7:00 p.m. Mass
Group Fundraising Deadline:	Friday, December 11 th
Winter Break:	Saturday, January 10 th - Saturday, January 17 th
Re-Entry Gathering:	Wednesday, January 20 th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Re-Entry Gathering:	Wednesday, March 30 th , 6:30-8:00p.m.
Advocacy Day (on the Quad):	Wednesday, April 13 th , 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Spring Break Trips

Information Sessions:	September 8 & 9 at 5:30 and 7:00 pm & September 10 at 12:00 pm in Cleary Dining Room
Participant applications available:	Monday, September 11 th
Applications due:	Friday, September 25 th , by 3:00 p.m
International Interviews:	Wednesday, Sept. 30 th – Wednesday, Oct. 14 th
Applicants notified about acceptance:	Friday, October 16 th
Participant Non-Refundable Deposit due:	Friday, October 23rd, by 3:00 p.m.
Participant Orientation:	Wednesday, October 28 th , 6:30-8:00 p.m. <i>*For those who have submitted all forms and fee payments</i>
Group Fundraising Deadline:	Friday, January 15 th
Wednesday Night Group Meetings:	January 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 2, at 6:30-8:00pm
Final Payments Due:	Friday, February 19th by 5:00 p.m.
Send-Off Mass:	Sunday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. Mass
Spring Break:	March 5-12, 2015
Re-Entry Site Group Meeting:	Wednesday, March 16 th , 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Re-Entry Gathering:	Wednesday, March 30 th , 6:30-8:00p.m.
Advocacy Day (on the Quad):	Wednesday, April 13 th , 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Peru, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic

Information Sessions:	September 8 & 9 at 5:30 and 7:00 pm & September 10 at 12:00 pm in Cleary Dining Room
Participant applications available:	Monday, September 11 th
Applications due:	Friday, September 25 th , by 3:00 p.m.
International Interviews:	Wednesday, Sept. 30 th – Wednesday, Oct. 14 th
Applicants notified about acceptance:	Friday, October 16 th
Participant Non-Refundable Deposit due:	Friday, October 23 rd , by 3:00 p.m.
Participant Orientation:	Wednesday, October 28 th , 6:30-8 p.m.
<i>*For those who have submitted all forms and fee payments</i>	
International Small Group Meetings:	Once in November & December based upon schedules
Wednesday Night Group Meetings:	January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, at 6:30-8:00pm
Final Payments Due:	Friday, February 19 th by 5:00 p.m.
Send-Off Mass:	Sunday, February 28 th at 7:00 p.m. Mass
Spring Break:	March 3-12, 2015
Re-Entry Site Group Meeting:	Wednesday, March 16 th , 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Re-Entry Gathering:	Wednesday, March 30 th , 6:30-8:00p.m.
Advocacy Day (on the Quad):	Wednesday, April 13 th , 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

May Trips

Information Sessions:	September 8 & 9 at 5:30 and 7:00 pm & September 10 at 12:00 pm in Cleary Dining Room
Participant applications available:	Monday, September 11 th
Applications due:	Friday, September 25 th , by 3:00 p.m.
International Interviews:	Wednesday, Sept. 30 th – Wednesday, Oct. 14 th
Applicants notified about acceptance:	Friday, October 17 th
Participant Non-Refundable Deposit due:	Friday, October 23 rd , by 3:00 p.m.
Participant Orientation:	Wednesday, October 28 th , 6:30-8:00 p.m. <i>*For those who have submitted all forms and fee payments</i>
Wednesday Night Large Group Meetings:	January 27, February 3, 10, 17, March 30 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Small Group Meetings:	Ware: April 6 th , 20 th , May 4 th Nicaragua: April 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , May 4 th all 6:30-8
Final Payments Due:	Friday, April 29 th , by 5:00 p.m.
Send-Off Mass:	Sunday, May 1 st at 7:00 p.m. Mass
May Trip:	May 23 rd -30 th , 2015
Advocacy Day (on the Quad):	Wednesday, April 13 th , 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Requirements for Applicants

Wednesday Night Meetings

All participants are required to attend meetings on Wednesday nights. If you have a class in the fall on a Wednesday night but are applying for the spring semester you are able to participate. If you are applying for a winter trip, you must attend Wednesday night meetings and thus cannot have a class from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the fall semester. You cannot take a Wednesday night class in the spring semester if you are applying for the spring or summer programs. If you do apply for the spring or summer trips and then take a Wednesday night class in the spring semester, you are responsible for the entire cost of your trip and will not be allowed to participate in the program.

Study Abroad Applicants

Anyone who is studying abroad in the fall semester may apply only for the H.O.P.E. Domestic spring trips or May domestic trip. No exceptions.

Attendance

The pre-trip orientation meetings are mandatory. If you miss more than one meeting you will need to meet separately with the Campus Minister for Service Immersion Programs to discuss your commitment to the program and possible dismissal.

Application

The applications will be available on September 11th on the Campus Ministry website. You may apply online for either H.O.P.E. Domestic or H.O.P.E. International. At the time of application, you will need to fill out a travel medical release form in consultation with your doctor. Please be mindful of this as you apply and take your medical needs seriously. Your health is the most important aspect of your life!

Due Dates

The applications are due on September 25th by 5:00 p.m. The application will be online and the link will become inactive at 5:00 p.m. on the 25th. You are thus unable to apply after the deadline. No exceptions.

Behavior Requiring Disciplinary Action

All students who apply for H.O.P.E. are required to abide by Stonehill College's Student Code of Conduct. Anyone who breaches this policy will be adjudicated by the Office of Community Standards. Your posture and actions reflect the college at all times and thus a deep level of responsibility and appropriate behavior is expected.

Cell Phone Policy

“Presence is a gift that we give each other.”

Domestic Cell Phone Policy:

In solidarity with the individuals we are serving, cell phones **MAY NOT** be used while on site. Students may use their cell phones only during **travel times** as other times (meals, reflection, group bonding, travel to and from the worksite each day, etc.) should be spent connecting with the other students and leaders. The purpose of this guideline is for students to be present and in the moment thinking about the H.O.P.E. experience, instead of constantly focusing on engaging with friends and family back home. Family and friends may listen to the H.O.P.E hotline for updates on their students' trip.

International Cell Phone Policy:

Students that happen to have international service phone plans must abide by the domestic cell phone policy guidelines. If a student does not have an international service phone plan, they **MAY NOT** use the Stonehill College cell phone to make personal phone calls to friends and family. Their family may listen to the H.O.P.E. hotline which will be given to the students and families before departure so family and friends can listen for updates on their students' trip. **If a student (or family) does not feel comfortable not having contact with their family (or student) for the entirety of the trip, the student SHOULD NOT apply for an international H.O.P.E trip.**

Large Group & Small Group Meetings Cell Phone Policy:

Students **MAY NOT** use cell phones during Large & Small Group Meetings. Leaders will have a “cell phone island” bin to collect student cell phones at the beginning of the meeting and return them at the conclusion of the meeting. This policy is to ensure active participation in the discussions and prepare for the cell phone separation during the H.O.P.E. trip.

Costs and Finances

. Costs

Domestic trips last two years were funded greatly by a grant. We are still awaiting confirmation of the grant for this year, so we are proceeding as if we do not have the grant to pay for the trips. The college does not give the Office of Campus Ministry funding for the H.O.P.E. trips so it is your responsibility to fundraise and pay for your trip. If you are unable to pay for your trip and still go on said trip, a hold will be placed on your account until the payment has been made in full for the trip.

. Payment Due Dates

At the time of acceptance on October 16th, students will be given a time when they are to confirm their participation in the program. At the time they commit to the program, they will need to put down a non-refundable deposit of \$200 for the domestic sites and \$250 for international sites. If they decide not to participate in the program, then we will fill the open space with someone from the waitlist.

. Fundraising Requirements

In the fall, students will work diligently to fundraise for the cost of their trip. They will work with their group to bring in money for their trip and all collected money will be a tax write off for the giver and also will go to bring down the cost of the trip for all participants. All spring break and summer break students will be notified of their cost per person in January after all the fundraising has been completed. This remaining balance can be paid directly by the student or payments can be made by others to the Office of Campus Ministry in the student's name. All payments will be due in February prior to departure of the trip. To make this less of a financial burden on yourself and your family, it is **HIGHLY** recommended you be innovative with your fundraising efforts! All winter trip students will need to pay the remaining balance for their trip by Reading Day to ensure participation in the program. Group fundraising will have an earlier deadline.

. Scholarship Information

Please be prudent in your selection of sites based on the financial need you have and the cost of the trips. You may apply for scholarships but know that there are many students who need scholarships to be able to participate in the program, and preference will be given based on need.

Important Definitions to Inform Your H.O.P.E. Application:

Mission Trip: A mission trip can be domestic or international, where participants enter into a community and engage with members in hopes of using their faith and image of God to evangelize. Direct service is generally partaken in during a mission trip as well as building of churches or working in religiously affiliated schools is typical.

Service Trip: A service trip is a traditional experience in which a group lives in community with people they are serving, generally in an area different than their home community and provides a direct service to that group such as building, delivering food, stocking shelves, tangible outcomes of hardwork which mean a lot to the receiving communities.

Voluntourism: An experience which comes from pre-planned travel and includes service and tourism. Usually done more as a cultural experience for the participant and less to learn about the community or understand the structures that oppress population. The experience can be valuable, but not engaging with the community or reflecting on the experience and the impact on both parties is unsustainable and at times more harmful than helpful. The focus is more on the experience of the traveler than on the sustainable change or cultural respect of the population encountered. **HOPE is not voluntourism.**

Immersion Trip: Immersion is an alternative break or course experience in which learning is the focus, and one is immersed and totally engaged with a community- though they may not be doing direct service. Participants in immersion have conversations, and learn from community members of a marginalized group, without a tangible outcome. Immersions focus on systemic change and understanding structures in place that create the society today, and less on the individual experiences of building homes or serving food.

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West Virginia

The West Virginia HOPE trip is focused on the issues of sustainability, environmental justice, poverty, and elderly care. In West Virginia, hydraulic fracturing or fracking, mountain top removal, and lack of access to food are some of the key issues that surround the area. The land is commonly exploited and the people who live there often have to suffer from this exploitation because West Virginia is rich in natural resources, . The state also has an extremely high elderly population, many of whom have no caretakers near by. Participants of the West Virginia trip, will work with the Appalachian Institute at Wheeling Jesuit University to learn about these issues and the true value of community. Additionally, they will give their services to a variety of programs such as a community run garden, food pantries, soup kitchens, elderly care facilities and many others.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Sustainability, environmental justice, elder care
- Spring Break
- Trip size: 12
- Direct Service Trip/ Immersion elements
- Approximate cost: \$700; *With Grant: \$200 Deposit ONLY*
- Website: www.wju.edu/ai/immersion.asp

Staten Island, NY/Rockaway Beach, NY

HOPE Staten Island participants will do hurricane relief work for those who suffered from Hurricane Sandy. They team up with the United Methodist Church, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Recovery. Hurricane Sandy not only destroyed homes and buildings, but also brought financial difficulty to many people. Trip participants will learn about the effects of Hurricane Sandy in different boroughs of New York and why some areas received aid prior to others. The hands on services include both indoor and outdoor construction work, such as landscaping, priming, painting and molding.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Hurricane relief
- Spring Break
- Direct Service Trip
- Trip size: 10
- Approximate cost: \$700; *With Grant: \$200 Deposit ONLY*
- Website: <http://www.nyac.com/recovery>

Tennessee

HOPE Tennessee participants will have the opportunity of serving communities surrounding the Sunset Gap Community Center. They will be assisting them in home reconstruction for underprivileged families that would not be able to finance or execute repairs otherwise. Many people living in the part of Tennessee that this trip serves have been stricken by poverty. Participants will learn about the locals' situations and their appreciated land. Other services and programs that the Sunset Gap Community Center offers include, but certainly are not limited to, food pantries, thrift shops, and bible camps.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: community center, home repair, rural poverty
- Spring Break
- Direct Service Trip
- Trip size: 12
- Approximate cost: \$1500
- *With Grant: \$200 Deposit and \$500 Travel Fee*
- Website: www.sunsetgap.com

Selma, Alabama

HOPE Selma participants will have a truly immersive and educational experience working with the Freedom Foundation in Alabama. Groups can participate in half day or full day introductory training courses designed to teach the nonviolence principles Dr. King used in the Civil Rights Movement. Based on King's beliefs, nonviolence was the driving force behind the Montgomery Bus Boycotts, Nashville sit-ins, and the Selma to Montgomery marches. These principles still work today and coupled with leadership development training, students gain tools to take back to their communities, workplaces and campuses to make a difference. The service will involve education and presence in a space of learning and political advocacy– making it a unique experience for all involved.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Civil Rights, race, political advocacy
- Winter Break
- Immersion Trip
- Trip size: 12
- Approximate cost: \$1500
- *With Grant: \$200 deposit and \$500 Travel Fee*
- Website: <http://www.freedomfoundation.org/alternative-break/>

Arizona

HOPE Arizona participants will travel to the city of Phoenix where they will have the opportunity to experience the mission of the Andre House of Hospitality. This organization, which provides a wide variety of services to the population of Phoenix experiencing homelessness, was established through the Congregation of Holy Cross and grew out of the Catholic Worker Movement. During their time at the Andre House, we will be assisting the staff as they serve meals and provide services including access to laundry, showers and other necessities that their guests might otherwise have to do without.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Hunger, homelessness, poverty
- Spring Break
- Direct Service/ Immersion
- Trip size: 8
- Approximate cost: \$1700; *With Grant: \$200 Deposit and \$500 Travel Fee*
- Website: <http://andrehouse.org/>

Syracuse, New York

In Syracuse, NY HOPE participants will be working with the L'Arche Community and therefore will encounter social justice issues pertaining to intellectual and developmental disabilities. L'Arche Syracuse is made up of four houses, each with four “core members” or people with disabilities. HOPE Syracuse spends time with the core members and assists the care takers in cooking and cleaning the four homes. Other services may be asked of the participants depending on the needs of the core members and care takers. Through these services, they will immerse themselves into the L'Arche community and learn about the social exclusion barriers faced by people with assorted disabilities/abilities.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Spring Break
- Direct Service/ Immersion
- Trip size: 8
- Approximate cost: \$400.00; *With Grant: \$200 Deposit ONLY*
- Website: <http://www.larchesyracuse.org/>

Kentucky

The HOPE Kentucky group will work with the Christian Appalachian Project to repair and construct homes in Eastern Kentucky. The main challenges this area faces are poverty and a lack of opportunity for growth and upward mobility. This HOPE group will be taking part in Work Fest, which happens annually and involves college students from around the country coming together to serve. Everyone will split into groups and will work with one family for the entire week. This opportunity allows the participants to learn about their families' stories and create strong relationships with them.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Construction, poverty
- Spring Break
- Direct Service Trip
- Trip size: 10
- Approximate cost: \$1500; With Grant: \$200 Deposit and \$500 Travel Fee

New Mexico

This HOPE group will travel to Santa Fe, NM and focus on Native American and immigration injustices. While there, participants will work in partnership with Via International in a variety of ways, such as food drives and pantries and construction work. This trip involves a lot of learning about ancient Native traditions through both immersion and service. Additionally, participants will be able to hear about day laborer's individual immigration stories and struggles while working with them. Sustainability and the connection of people to nature are topics of interest that will be encountered every day on the New Mexico trip.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Indigenous community, environmental
- Winter Break
- Immersion Trip
- Trip size: 15
- Approximate cost: \$2000; With Grant: \$200 Deposit and \$500 Travel Fee

Camden, New Jersey

In Camden, New Jersey, the poorest city in the nation, trip participants will tackle the social justice issue of urban poverty. Through both service of labor and service of presence, participants will be able to both give back to a community in need as well as get to know the residents of Camden on a personal level. Participants will stay at the Romero Center, a retreat center focused on catholic social teaching. Other students and volunteers will also be at the Romero Center, allowing participants to share and reflect on what they experience at their service sites on a daily basis.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Urban poverty
- Winter Break
- Direct Service/ Immersion
- Trip size: 8
- Approximate cost: \$800; With Grant: \$200 Deposit ONLY
- Website: <https://www.facebook.com/romerocenterministries>

Oregon

This trip focuses on the social justice issues of hunger and homelessness as well as community healthcare and mental health. Volunteers will mainly serve with the hospitality ministry at St. Andre Bessette Church in downtown Portland. Some of the community programs run by St. Andre include an art program, a foot care program, a food pantry, and fellowship groups. Participants will also engage in service with the following organizations: Operation Nightwatch, Central City Concern, and L'Arche Portland. During the week long service immersion trip, students will learn about poverty in the Portland area and build community with those who are hungry, homeless, mentally ill, recovering from drug addiction and abuse, and living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Hunger, homelessness, poverty, disabilities/abilities, Healthcare
- Spring Break
- Direct Service/ Immersion
- Trip size: 10
- Approximate cost: \$1800; With Grant: \$200 Deposit and \$500 Travel Fee
- Website: <http://saintandrechurch.org/>

California

In Coachella Valley, California, Stonehill's HOPE group will be working with the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition to build affordable housing. The CVHC is a non-profit housing development corporation dedicated to helping low and very low-income families improve their living conditions through advocacy, research, construction, and operation of housing and community development projects. Participants will take part in indoor and outdoor construction. They will be able to learn about the area's needs and challenges, as well experience the strong bond of community there. On the HOPE California trip, students will also be exposed to immigration issues and policy in America, and the injustices migrant farm workers face with pay and working conditions.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Immigration, Low Income Housing availability
- Spring Break
- Direct Service Trip
- Trip size: 12
- Approximate cost: \$1800; *With Grant: \$200 Deposit and \$500 Travel Fee*
- Website: <http://www.cvhc.org/#sthash.FsoRd4Ed.dpbs>

Ware, Massachusetts

The HOPE Ware trip travels to the Agape community. While there, participants immerse themselves into a life centered around sustainability and nonviolence. They will learn about different ways to live in an environmentally sustainable manner and the value of a reflective retreat-life lifestyle that abstains from violence. The community operates solely off donations and requires upkeep for those visiting. Therefore, participants on this trip will take part in a variety of services that keep the community going. Together they will reflect on their services, lifestyles, and the value of community.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Sustainability, nonviolence
- Summer Break
- Direct Service Trip
- Trip size: 10
- Approximate cost: \$356.00; *With Grant: \$200 Deposit ONLY*
- Website: agapecommunity.org

Apopka, Florida

HOPE Florida participants will be truly immersed in migrant worker life-style through the Hope CommUnity Center. At the center, volunteers will live with host families, work in produce fields, and understand the injustices that happen within our immigration system. The service that participants could provide are mentoring with ESL classes, working in the fields, cooking in the facility kitchen for workers and more. There are both educational and tangible aspects to this trip making it a beautiful experience for all who will join.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Migrant Work/ Labor Rights, Immigration
- Winter Break
- Direct Service/ Immersion Trip
- Trip size: 12
- Approximate cost: \$1500; With Grant: *\$200 Deposit and \$500 Travel Fee*
- Website: <http://hcc-offm.org/>

New Orleans

This HOPE trip will work with the St. Bernard Project in New Orleans. The effects of Hurricane Katrina are still being felt today, almost 10 years after it occurred, by thousands of people. Those participating on this trip will experience social justice issues surrounding homelessness and poverty. They will take part in construction work in an effort to serve those suffering from said issues. While on this trip, participants will also have the opportunity to meet the families they serve and hear their stories.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Disaster relief, poverty
- Winter Break
- Direct Service Trip
- Trip size: 10
- Approximate cost: \$2000; With Grant: \$200 and \$500 Travel Fee
- Website: <http://www.stbernardproject.org/>

Dominican Republic

The HOPE Dominican Republic trip will serve the community of La Romana, DR . Specifically, they will be working at a school created to help underserved children in the area called Hogar del Niño. Throughout the week, they will be teaching the Spanish speaking students English, in addition to serving the different areas in the school by playing with the kids. During this trip, participants will be able to understand how important education, shelter and food are in the Dominican Republic.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Education, children
- Spring Break
- Direct Service Trip/ Immersion Elements
- Trip size: 12
- Approximate cost: \$2500

Peru

While in Peru, participants will encounter a variety of social justice issues including poverty, education, and access to natural resources. HOPE Peru works with a local school called Fe y Alegria and a center for children with physical and intellectual disabilities founded by the Holy Cross Congregation called Yancana Huasy, where participants will offer their time and presence. The experience as a whole is largely focused on gaining an understanding of the immense poverty Peru. Close relationships developed with locals also provides participants with the opportunity to see past the poverty and be exposed to the generosity, compassion, and love that is inherent within the community of Canto Grande.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: Education, developmental disability awareness, poverty
- Spring Break
- Direct Service/ Immersion Elements
- Trip size: 12
- Approximate cost: \$2500
- Website: <http://www.centropeyton.org/index.php>

El Salvador

Working with Crispaz, HOPE El Salvador participants will be able to truly understand the concept of a spiritual journey, and liberation in South and Central America. Participants will live in community with El Salvadorians, and will spend their time speaking with and learning from the elder women of the Crispaz organization who have fought for systemic change nonviolently and with love for years.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: poverty, liberation theology, structural change, spirituality
- Spring Break
- Immersion Trip
- Trip size: 10
- Approximate cost: \$2500
- Website: <http://www.crispaz.org/info%20pages/delegations%20trips.html>

Nicaragua

This group will travel to Chacraseca, Nicaragua. There they will focus their service on community development by working on various projects with the partner organization, Friends New England. Participants will experience forms of social injustices in Chacraseca, primarily stemming from economic challenges that the country as a whole faces, since a stable income for many families is hard to come by. Throughout the week they will work in areas such as education within the schools to provide English lessons and resources of learning, as well as construction projects to assist in the development of houses and other buildings throughout the community.



Fast Facts:

- Social justice area: community development
- Summer Break
- Immersion / Direct Service Elements
- Trip size: 11
- Approximate cost: \$2500
- Website: www.friendsne.org/