

Abiding Presence Junior Youth Compassion Tour

July 12, 2025 Itinerary

Our young people are invited to participate in the distribution of the health kits we have made along with sandwich bag lunch set ups that we will create in honor of our distribution. Parents are encouraged to participate, but not necessary as long as prior arrangements for a Parent Designate is made. We will stay together as a large group for the entire event with leaders in front and in back.

Train Ride: Meet at the Northport Train Station @ 8:30 for the 8:43 am train to Penn Station. We will gather at the western most end of the platform for the 1st car. We have a single group ticket. Please do not buy your own.

As we gather: permission slips will be collected, and we hope that families will create approximately 10 sandwich/lunch bags with a water, piece of fruit, and a couple of cookies or a treat. These will be received and placed in the rolling cooler for easy transportation.

While on the train ride, we will focus our attention on Matthew 25, Jesus is parable of caring for others: I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was in need of clothing and you close to me, etc. We will also discuss the many reasons for homelessness and people being caught in difficult/painful circumstances. We will also discuss the appropriate ways to engage possible recipients.

Once at Penn Station, we will all gather outside the train and move as one group through the main concourse, to the street. We will then begin our distribution and walk south to 28th St. and then on to 23rd St. engaging recipients along the way. At 23rd Street we will enter the subway #1 train to South ferry/ Battery Park and complete our distribution. We will then board the Staten Island ferry and go back and forth on it, passing by the Statue of Liberty and arriving back at Wall Street/ Battery Park. We will then take the #1 train back to Penn Station for a 2:30 or a 4:00 train home, depending on our time. On the way home we will talk about our journey.

Cost: approximately \$15.00 each plus money for Pizza