

PENNSYLVANIA / NC Partnership Project Request List -2024

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

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1. Once you have reviewed the list, pray about which project(s) you might want to respond to.
2. Contact Mark Abernathy (mabernathy@ncbaptist.org; 919-459-5607) to express interest and get contact information.
3. You will be put in direct contact with a requestor in the Rocky Mountain area to ask any and all questions.
4. If you and the requestor feel it is a good match, set a date with them for your team's service, and let Mark Abernathy know.
5. You will be sent instructions for securing the project on behalf of your team by registering as team leader.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY/VBS/ BYBC

PA24-005

Vacation Bible School

Middletown, PA

A team of 10-15 is needed to assist church in conducting Vacation Bible School. Need those for all aspects of VBS, including Bible lesson, recreation, crafts, music, snacks, etc. Need team that is energetic and love to work with children. Team leader can talk with requestor about materials used. Could use materials that team used at their church, or pastor could order materials for team to use. Church is located right across from a public school. Team can arrange to stay at mission house in nearby Harrisburg, which has kitchen. Church also has a small kitchen that team can use. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this. **[Project could be combined with PA24-006 – Bathroom Remodel]**

Length of assignment: 4-7 Days

Preferred Dates: Summer 2024

Costs: Travel to PA, food and lodging, construction supplies

PA24-016

VBS/Outreach

Philipsburg, Pennsylvania

A team is needed to assist a church in conducting a three-day Vacation Bible School – mostly outdoors Team would be asked to do some door to door visitation and prayerwalking prior to the event. They are expecting 40-60 children and need a team to come alongside them to help them in planning and carrying out the event. Team members need to be outgoing and comfortable working with children. Will need those to teach, lead in crafts, recreation, sing and lead in music/motions during VBS. Team may be asked to help with VBS supplies and materials, but church may have some as well. Team will be responsible for their transportation. Requestor will discuss lodging and meal options with team leader **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 5-7 days

Preferred Dates: July 28-August 4 or August 1-8, 2024 (not flexible)

Costs: Travel to Pennsylvania, lodging, food, some ministry materials

EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH EVENTS

PA24-001

Block Party Outreach/Door to Door

McKees Rocks, PA

Teams are needed to assist church in conducting block party and cookout outreach events during the summer months. Team would come prior to event to help do door to door visitation/praying and to distribute flyers and door hangers. This is a poor area, and in much need of physical and spiritual help. Area has a lot of hills, with stairs leading up to houses, so some young legs would be great! For this part. Otherwise, any who love people and want to see them reached with the Gospel are welcome! Team may want to bring some gifts to distribute at the block party events, such as school backpacks, etc. Pastor will be glad to discuss ideas with the team leader, as well as plan out the week. Team can arrange to stay at the Warren Mission House, located nearby (about 5 miles) in Pittsburgh. Both the Warren House and the church has kitchen that the team can use to prepare their food. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 4-7 Days

Preferred Dates: Summer 2024

Costs: Travel to PA, food and lodging, construction supplies

PA24-002

Backyard Bible Clubs & Family Fun Fest

Pittston, PA

A team is needed to work with church plant in conducting three days of Backyard Bible Club, and then participate in a community-wide Family Fun Fest on Saturday, August 3. The church partners with the local municipality to have fun events for the neighborhood, provide free food (popcorn, snow cones, etc.) This day includes games for the children and for adults. Praise bands play during the day. A prayer tent will set up, and the Gospel will be shared. Day includes pony rides and the local police give ATV . The “kid’s zone” includes sing-a-longs and puppet shows. This is a big outreach for this church. They need a good, active, people-loving team to help them reach their community for Christ! Hotels and camping options are available in the area. A kitchen is available in the church for meal preparation. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 4 Days

Preferred Dates: Early August, 2024 (Contact Requestor)

Costs: Travel to PA, lodging, team food

PA24-013

Migrant Camp Outreach

Harrisburg, PA

Teams are needed to assist church in reaching out to migrant families in Central Pennsylvania. There are as many as 2500 migrant workers in this area in several different camps. Teams will conduct three consecutive evening events (at a different camp each night) that would include supper and any variety of worship and/or entertainment events. Each event would have somewhere between 25-50 people. The gospel will be shared each night, as well as times of prayer, and spiritual encouragement. Other activities that team does is negotiable between the requestor and the team. Afternoons will see teams prepare for the evening events, including cooking the meal, putting together hygiene kits, etc. Mornings may see teams visiting, learning about, and prayer walking in the camps Teams may decide to collect and bring items to share with the families, such as hygiene items, coats for colder months, etc. Requestor will help team decide what might be needed. It would be great for team to have a couple of Spanish speakers – but, if not, the host church can provide those who can help in this. Teams can possibly stay at Volunteer House in Harrisburg, which has kitchen for the team to use to prepare meals. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 4-5 Days

Preferred Dates: Spring-Fall 2024

Costs: Travel to PA, lodging, team food, funds for nightly suppers/supplies

PA24-014

BYBC/Community Outreach

Reading, PA

A team of 8-12 needed to help new church plant reach their community for Christ. Projects may involve Park Parties for children (think Backyard Bible Clubs), sports clinics or camps, block parties, or any other kind of creative outreach. Events will be held at the local recreation center, which has great facilities and fields. Team will need to bring most ministry supplies. Need those who love working with children and who can engage people. Team can also do prayer-walking in the community. Requestor will talk with team leader about exact date of service, as well as options for housing and meals. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 5-7 Days

Preferred Dates: June to August 2024

Costs: Travel to PA, food and lodging, ministry supplies

PA24-015

Children and Family Outreach

Harrisburg, PA

Teams are needed to help church reach children and their families for Christ. This may involve conducting kid’s clubs (BYBC), sports camps, craft camps, music camps – all with possible end of week block party. Church does a food give-away 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, which team can participate in. Requestor will work with team leader to plan best option for team according to skill. Team is asked to provide all needed materials and some Bibles, if possible. Volunteers will need to be experienced in witnessing, and be willing to engage people in conversation. Team leader can reserve lodging at nearby volunteer house which has showers and a kitchen for teams to use. There is also a small kitchen available at the church. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this. **(Could be combined with PA24-003 or 004 – Church Renovation Projects)**

Length of assignment: 4-6 days
Preferred Dates: June - August 2024
Costs: Travel to PA, food, lodging, ministry supplies

PA24-019 Community Outreach/Church Refreshing Charleroi, PA
A small church needs a team to come assist them in re-engaging their community through prayerwalking and going door to door to hand out information about the church and offering to pray with people. The church building could also use some painting and other freshening up. This would be a great encouragement to the congregation. Team could stay at the church or in local hotels. The church has a kitchen that team would use. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.
Length of assignment: 4-6 days
Preferred Dates: Spring or Summer 2024
Costs: Travel to PA, food, lodging, ministry supplies

PA24-022 Park Parties/Canvassing/Light Construction Bedford, Pennsylvania
Teams are requested to help conduct children's park parties, do door to door canvassing, possibly hold revival services, and/or conduct sports and art camps. The goal is to reach more people in the community and help the church grow. There is also a need for some minor repairs to the church facility.. Team would not be expected to do all. Requestor will work with team leader about which of these projects fit the team's skills. Team will be asked to help with the partial costs of any activities planned. Team will be responsible for transportation. The church will be available for the team to sleep. One shower is available and lots of space. One room has a sofa/sleeper and one room with several couches. Church has a kitchen available for meal preparation. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.
Length of assignment: One week
Preferred Dates: Anytime 2024
Costs: Travel to PA, food, ministry supplies, construction costs

PA24-024 Community Outreach Day Wysox, Pennsylvania
Church needs a team to help with annual rummage sale/yard sale outreach day. Team would assist church in setting up for the day, displaying tables of items, assist shoppers, as well as cooking and serving breakfast. Church would also like to explore ways to expand the effort with potential team leaders. Church member owns several VRBO properties and would make them available for team to rent at good price. There are also hotel and campgrounds nearby. Team can use church kitchen to prepare its meals. **[This project can be combined with PA24-025 – House Renovation for Family in Need]**
Length of assignment: 2-3 Days
Preferred Dates: Early June 2024 preferred
Costs: Travel to PA, food, ministry supplies, construction costs

PRAYERWALKING /PASTORAL FAMILY SUPPORT

PA24-017 Pastoral Family Care/Prayer Walking Various Areas, Pennsylvania
A team is needed to prayerwalk strategic areas in Pennsylvania as well as visit pastors and wives to give encouragement. The work of these pastors and church planters is challenging. Progress is slow, and often discouraging. Many of these families have young children, some with special needs. Intentional prayer and care are very important to these pastor's families. These visits may involve taking the family out to eat, listening for needs where volunteers can help their ministry, praying with them, and giving gifts. The requestor will assist team in knowing specific areas to visit and develop a schedule. After leaving the town, the team should continue to pray specifically for the pastor's family, send cards of encouragement, emails or texts. The sending of additional mission teams can be planned with the requestor and coordinated through BOM Partnership mission. This long-term encouragement could make the difference in the pastor's family remaining steadfast in sharing Christ in their church and community. Materials cost could include: Gift cards, small bags of gifts of encouragement for members of the family. Prayer walking training materials for team if needed are highly recommended prior to trip. Need volunteers for this who are passionate for encouragement and prayer, and good listeners. Team will need to provide their own transportation. Housing may be found at local churches, motels, homes and/or local retreat center. Kitchens are available for team's use. Restaurants are also available. Requestor will work with team in

putting together a successful ministry plan. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 3-5 Days

Preferred Dates: Summer 2024

Costs: Travel to Pennsylvania, food, lodging. Gifts for pastor's family

CONSTRUCTION

PA24-003

Remodel of Ministry House

Harrisburg, PA

Teams are needed to help in the renovation of a house that local church has purchased and use as ministry center to their community. God is blessing this ministry as a lighthouse in an otherwise hard neighborhood. Several projects are needed for 2024. This may include: 1) Remodel of bathroom, including removing tub and fixing the floor, replacing a sink, and putting in a small storage closet. 2) Tearing up old floor and replacing with laminate flooring in storage room and hallway. 3) Repair and re-shingle roof on a 10' x 24' porch, as well as a smaller porch roof on the front of the house. Need those with carpentry skill to direct others on the team in completing tasks. Requestor will work with team leader on what projects need to be completed. Church has set aside some money for projects but any donations would be greatly appreciated. Team leader can reserve lodging at nearby volunteer house which has showers and a kitchen for teams to use. There is also possible lodging and a small kitchen is available at the church. Requestor may have other lodging options as well. **(Could be combined with PA24-015 – Community Outreach and Evangelism)**

Length of assignment: 4-7 Day

Preferred Dates: Anytime 2024

Costs: Travel to PA, food and lodging, construction supplies

PA24-004

Install Carpet Squares in Church Sanctuary

Harrisburg, PA

Church needs a team to install carpet tiles in sanctuary = approximately 2000 square feet. Need those with experience in installing carpet squares to direct others on the team in completing the task. Church has set aside some money for project but any donations would be greatly appreciated. Team leader can reserve lodging at nearby volunteer house which has showers and a kitchen for teams to use. There is also possible lodging and a small kitchen is available at the church. Requestor may have other lodging options as well. **(Could be combined with PA24-015 – Community Outreach and Evangelism)**

Length of assignment: 4-7 Day

Preferred Dates: Anytime 2024

Costs: Travel to PA, food and lodging, construction supplies

PA24-006

Bathroom Remodel

Middletown, PA

Team is needed to help church remodel two sets of bathrooms. All four bathrooms need flooring replaced, and old fixtures removed and replaced with new ones. Would like to replace one men's stall with a shower. Walls will need to be painted as well. Host church has funds for materials, just need expertise and labor. Team can arrange to stay at mission house in nearby Harrisburg, which has kitchen. Church also has a small kitchen that team can use. **[Project could be combined with PA24-005 – Vacation Bible School]**

Length of assignment: 4-7 Days

Preferred Dates: Anytime 2024

Costs: Travel to PA, food and lodging, construction supplies

PA24-007

Remodel Storage Rooms

Reading, PA

A team of 4-6 needed to help new church plant remodel two storage rooms to accommodate proper storage of tables, chairs, and sound equipment. This new church plant uses local community center for Sunday Worship. Remodeling will make storage of worship service equipment more efficient and help build stronger relationship with Community Center Board and local community. Work will include installing drywall or smart siding on some of the existing walls, building storage shelves for tables, chairs and equipment. Rooms are 15' x 19' and 10' x 19'. Team will be asked to help with the cost of materials (approximately \$1000-\$1200). Team can stay at mission house in Harrisburg, or in church planter's house in Reading. Host can provide food.

Length of assignment: 2-4 Days

Preferred Dates: Anytime 2023 or 2024

Costs: Travel to PA, food and lodging, construction supplies

- PA24-008** **Replace Church Roof** Charleroi, PA
 An experienced team is needed to remove and replace shingle roof on main building of church. Church will pay for the materials, but do need team to either bring or provide/rent needed tools and equipment for the job. Team could possibly stay in the church building – or in one of several nearby hotels. Church does have a small kitchen that team can use for cooking it's meals. A church van is available if team needed to use it.
 Length of assignment: 4-6 Days
 Preferred Dates: Anytime 2024
 Costs: Travel to PA, food and lodging, construction supplies
- PA24-009** **Remodel of Volunteer House** Pittsburgh, PA
 Several teams are needed to assist in remodeling a strategic mission house used to host volunteers serving in Western Pennsylvania. Many projects are needed, including: 1) installing new siding and patching areas where squirrels might enter the building; 2) remodeling bathrooms and bedrooms, 3) basement wall repair' 4) installing new flooring' 5) various painting projects. Will need all manner of construction skills to complete tasks. Requestor will work with team leader in determining what tasks team may accomplish. Convention is raising money for the project, so some funds will be available. However, any donations team or mission church can provide would be greatly appreciated. Housing options include the Mission House at no cost. Team is responsible for their own meals. Meals may be prepared in Mission House kitchen.
 Length of assignment: 4-7 Days
 Preferred Dates: Anytime 2024
 Costs: Travel to PA, food
- PA24-010** **Repairs to Mission House** Harrisburg, PA
 Teams are needed to complete some repair/remodel projects on 1100 square foot house that is used as a respite for furloughing missionaries and ministers who need lodging in the Harrisburg area. Needs include installing siding on the eaves and aluminum trim casing, repair roof corners where they meet the fascia board, re-run the lines for a sump pump, re-point bricks, caulk exterior and replace trim in some areas in preparation for painting. Requestor will work with the team leader in answering all questions. Convention has funds for materials but donations would be welcomed. Housing options include the adjacent Volunteer House at no cost. Team is responsible for their meals, which can be prepared in Volunteer House kitchen.
 Length of assignment: 4-7 Days
 Preferred Dates: Anytime 2024
 Costs: Travel to PA, food
- PA24-011** **Painting of Mission House** Harrisburg, PA
 An experienced team of skilled painters is needed to paint the exterior trim of an 1100 square foot brick house that is used as a respite for furloughing missionaries and other ministers who need lodging in the Harrisburg area. Convention has funds for materials but donations would be welcomed. Housing options include the Mission House at no cost. Team is responsible for their own meals. Meals may be prepared in Mission House in a new updated kitchen.
 Length of assignment: 4-5 Days
 Preferred Dates: April - October 2023
 Costs: Travel to PA, food
- PA24-012** **Repairs to Convention Building** Harrisburg, PA
 Teams are needed to complete some repair/remodel projects at the Pennsylvania/South Jersey Baptist Convention Building. Needs include: 1) replacing existing carpet with carpet squares in several classes/offices and hallway, 2) painting interior trim and doorways, 3) expanding and re-running sump pump discharge line, 4) front exterior landing repair (masonry), 5) paint exterior landings in front and back, 6) paint fascia and gutters on building, 7) sand and paint exterior sign posts – 2 posts about 15 feet tall. Requestor will work with the team leader in answering all questions and determining what tasks team can do. Convention has funds for materials but donations would be welcomed. Housing options include the adjacent Volunteer House at no cost. Team is responsible for their own meals. Meals may be prepared in Volunteer House kitchen.
 Length of assignment: 4-7 Days
 Preferred Dates: Anytime 2024
 Costs: Travel to PA, food

PA24-021

Church Interior Painting

Sunbury, PA

A growing, evangelical city church recently took over a Lutheran church building and needs a team to help with the painting of some rooms and the replacement of several ceiling tiles. Team would be asked to help with materials. Team leader can discuss with requestor. Team can be housed a local church that has shower. Team could also stay in local hotels if they choose. Team can use kitchen at church for meal preparation.

Length of assignment: 4-6 days

Preferred Dates: Summer 2024

Costs: Travel to PA, food, possible lodging, ministry supplies

PA24-025

House Renovations for Family in Need

Wysox, Pennsylvania

Church needs a skilled team to help them reach out to a family in need in their area. Needs include new shingle roof, painting, and other “spruce up” projects. The host church plans to help this family with projects, but would also like the “boost” of having a mission team come up and love on this family as well. Pastor will discuss situation and details with an interested team leader. Church member owns several VRBO properties and would make them available for team to rent at good price. There are also hotel and campgrounds nearby. Team can use church kitchen to prepare its meals. **[This project can be combined with PA24-024 – Community Outreach Day]**

Length of assignment: 4-5 Days

Preferred Dates: Spring/Early Summer 2024 (flexible)

Costs: Travel to PA, food, ministry supplies, construction costs

LONGER TERM SERVICE

PA24-018

Church Strengtheners

Various Areas, Pennsylvania/South Jersey

Throughout Pennsylvania/South Jersey there are small churches and ministries who could benefit greatly from committed, on site church strengtheners to work alongside the pastor/leader and his family. Often these pastors or leaders' families are serving alone and need assistance in training leadership as well as coordinating ministry and outreach. A couple or family living in the community of the church or ministry center who is committed to developing relationships and using their giftedness to grow the work is needed. They would also encourage the pastor/leaders' family through fellowship and accountability. Baptists on Mission coordinators can help any interested in knowing where the needs are. The couple or family would need to be self-funded. Leaders on the field can help when determining housing options.

Length of assignment: TBD – Typically 3 months to 2 years

Preferred Dates: ASAP

Costs: Travel to Pennsylvania/South Jersey , Negotiable