



VIM NATIONAL TRIPS 2023

Wisconsin Conference UMC

VIM will be investigating future trips to the recent disaster areas possibly as early as this spring or summer. Stay tuned.

Enjoy the winter and stay well. Bruce Koch and Wes Hurlburt

February 4-12, 2023– Storm Repair - Marion, Alabama

For this trip VIM is again partnering with Sowing Seeds of Hope, a grass roots community organization in Marion, Alabama. Sowing Seeds of Hope is battling Perry County's poverty issues on several fronts: medical care availability, encouraging economic growth to provide local job opportunities, education, and housing. It is in this last area that we will partner with Sowing Seeds of Hope, assisting homeowners with home repairs that allow individuals to safely stay in their own homes. This could include construction of accessibility ramps, porches, or roofs.

Marion is a community of 3500 people and almost 50% of the City's residents live on incomes below the poverty line.

Currently we are searching for housing, but have showers at the Marion Military Academy.

This is a drive-to VIM work camp. Carpooling may be possible closer to trip time.

Registrar/Co-leaders – Terri & Mike DeMaster, W5194 Garton Road, Plymouth, WI 53073; cell 920-946-3866 (M), 920-946-5001 (T); email mtdemaster4@gmail.com

Co-leader – Bob Clingan, 2706 Homestead Road, Madison, WI 53711; phone 608-284-9328; email rcclingan@gmail.com

Cost – Registration - \$225 checks made payable to St. Luke UMC/VIM.

Registration deadline is January 19, 2023

March 20-24, 2023: Midwest Mission Distribution Center, 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, Illinois 62558 (Near Springfield)

Each year Wisconsin United Methodist Churches support Midwest Mission by bringing in supplies for cleaning and personal hygiene to Ingathering at Annual Conference. In 2023 we are coordinating a trip to participate in activities at Midwest Mission. Volunteers help by sorting donated items, sewing and repairing clothes, helping with mailings, building school desks, repairing bicycles and sewing machines, loading and unloading supplies, maintaining the buildings and grounds, etc.

Trip maximum is 26 volunteers. MMDC has 18 beds (lower bunks) available and 14 of them are filled. In addition, two folks are signed up to stay in a nearby hotel; an additional six could sign up to stay off campus. (Quick math: 26-16 signed up equals 10: 4 more at MMDC and 6 more at a nearby hotel or in an RV.) Be sure to check with registrar for availability of space.

Travel to the site will be by individual car, but car-pooling is an option.

Deadline for registering is January 8, 2023. Please send a deposit of \$50 no later than 1/8/2023. Make checks payable to WAC/VIM.

Cost: \$225 per person

Registrar/coleader: Mike Couillard – 5220 Wildheather Drive, Fitchburg, WI 53711. Cell Phone Number: 608-215-6630.

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April 30- May 5, 2023 -Lake Lucerne UMC Camp, Neshkoro,

Join us for a week of fellowship, fun and hard work!

Plan to arrive in the late afternoon (4 p.m.) and settle into your room in one of the Ridgewood cabins. Our first evening together in Ridgewood Retreat Center will include dessert and an opportunity to learn about and sign up for the jobs for the week.

We will share morning and evening devotions each day in Ridgewood. However, meals will be eaten in the Milton Giese Dining Hall, starting with Monday breakfast and concluding with breakfast on Friday.

Tasks may range from cleaning out cabins (washing windows, sweeping floors) to setting out the pier on the lake or cutting down trees and brush, or roof repairs, or laying new sidewalk! We will do what the staff asks us to do -- and more!

Enjoy the greening of the trees and the beginning of our warm weather!

This is a drive to camp. Camp address: W6460 County Road YY, Neshkoro, WI 54960.

Cost: \$180.00 – includes lodging, meals, work supplies and donation to camp.

Registration deadline is April 10 to insure adequate planning. (Deposit is \$36 with the registration form. Check made out to WAC/VIM Camp.)

Registrar/Coleader: Gail Burgess - 6510 203rd Avenue, Bristol, WI 53104; Phone - 262-945-8578 Email - hb53104@aol.com

Co-Leader: Donna Kiefer - momkiefer@juno.com 608-655-3097 (H); 608- 575-9529

May 14 – 19, 2023 –Pine Lake UMC Camp, Westfield, WI

Camp preparations and repairs for summer camping.

Participants will be staying at the Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader Retreat Center, which includes the Don and Elaine Mevis Wing. Each room has one double and one single bed with private shower and bathroom facilities. Bedding and towels are also provided.

Projects include installing piers and docks, general spring cleaning and preparation for the summer season. The camp always plans a major project for us to complete.

Cost: **\$180** per person for the week; **\$36** per day.

You are encouraged to come for a day or two if you are not able to spend the week. This is a drive to camp.

Please register in advance whether coming for the week or a day.

A deposit of \$36 is due with the registration form ASAP.

Checks should be made payable to WAC/VIM Camp and sent to Don Bastian.

Deadline is **April 9, 2023**.

June 21 – 25, 2023 –Red Cliff Reservation, Bayfield, WI

This will be a repeat trip to that site to continue to serve the residents of the reservation and deepen the relationship with the Native American community there.

There is something for everyone to do as the needs vary from repair to ramp construction to helping with daily tasks when needed. There is always an abundance of cultural exchange on this trip.

This will be an adult/youth trip.

Cost is \$150.00 for the week.

(Deposit of \$100 with registration form. Check made out to WAC/VIM Camp.) Final payments **due by June 1, 2023.**

This is a drive to camp.

The work camp will be limited to 15 people.

Co – Leaders are Joan Harvey and Bruce Koch

Registrar is Joan Harvey, 502 N. 12th St., Wausau, WI 54403; [715-845-1544](tel:715-845-1544); Email – jharveyall4him@gmail.com

September, 2023 -Lake Lucerne UMC Camp, Neshkoro, WI

Join us for a week of fellowship, fun and hard work! Plan to arrive in the late afternoon (4 p.m.) and settle into your room in one of the Ridgewood cabins. Our first evening together in Ridgewood Retreat Center will include dessert and an opportunity to learn about and sign up for the jobs for the week. We will share morning and evening devotions each day in Ridgewood. However, meals will be eaten in the Milton Giese Dining Hall, starting with Monday breakfast and concluding with breakfast on Friday.

Tasks may range from cleaning out cabins (washing windows, sweeping floors) to bringing in the pier on the lake or cutting down trees and brush, or roof repairs, or laying new sidewalk, or building picnic tables! We will do what the staff asks us to do -- and more! This is a great time of year to enjoy the changing colors of the trees and the last of our warm weather.

This is a drive to camp. Camp address: W6460 County Road YY, Neshkoro, WI 54960.

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Registration deadline is **September 1, 2023** to insure adequate planning.

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