

2020 Wisconsin VIM NATIONAL TRIPS

January 25-Feb.2, 2020 – Disaster relief – Jackson County, Florida near Marianna, FL

More information will be forthcoming, but the emphasis will be on storm damage repair in homes of folks who have had major storm damage. The tasks will be in the repair phase not initial storm response. The repairs will be on houses from both Hurricanes Michael and other storms.

This is a drive to VIM work camp. Possible carpooling and/or van transportation will be available depending on registrations numbers.

Cost – Registration - \$225 + Van cost - \$300; Note motel cost is included in this. Checks made to: WAC/VIM

Registration deadline is January 12, 2020

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February 22 – March 1, 2020 – Storm Repair - Marion, Alabama

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. They have identified both a need to assist homeowners with home repairs that allow individuals to safely stay in their own homes as well as the construction of affordable new homes. A few home repair projects, including the construction of several accessibility

ramps and roof repair are planned as well as assisting in their new home builds. These builds are a result of grants through the Department of Agriculture. Sowing Seeds of Hope has completed four homes and, by the time we arrive, will be in the midst of five new home starts.

Marion is a community of 3500 people and almost 50% of the city's residents live on incomes below the poverty line. We will be working alongside the family members who will move into these homes when they are completed.

Housing will be at Siloam Baptist Church in Marion. A trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Selma Alabama is being planned as part of this trip.

Registrar/Co-leaders – Terri & Mike DeMaster; [W5194 Garton Rd., Plymouth, WI. 53073; Cell 920-946-3866, 920-946-5001;](#)
[E-Mail - mtdemaster4@gmail.com](mailto:mtdemaster4@gmail.com)

Co-Leader – Bob Clingan, [2706 Homestead Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53711.](#)
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Cost – Registration - \$225 + Van cost - \$300; Note motel cost is included in this. Checks made to: St. Luke UMC/VIM. – total \$525

March 22 – 28, 2020 – Reelfoot Rural Ministries, Obion, TN

(About 1.5 hours from Paducah, Kentucky)

Work Camps provide no cost home repairs for the elderly and for other income-eligible area residents. Repairs include painting, repairing porches and floors, building steps and ramps, and many other projects. Last year our group completed five remodeling projects, helped at the food pantry and sorted clothes at the onsite resale store.

We will be staying at the Reelfoot campus. The dorm facility has 2 sections (male & female) with 9 bunk beds in each one in addition to separate shower facilities. The trip

will be limited to 20 people **unless** you indicated that you are willing to sleep in an upper bunk. Jerry & Donna Sims have agreed to be our lead cooks. This is another Appalachian ministry that assists folks with their life's needs.

Cost - \$250. Check made to: WAC/VIM Registration deadline – March 8, 2020.

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

Co-Leader: Mike Couillard - 5220 Wildheather Drive, Fitchburg, WI 53711; Phone - 608-215-6630 Email - couillardm@sbcglobal.net

April 16 – 21, 2020 - New Lisbon – Elroy, Juneau County, WI

VIM trip to aid Wisconsin Flood damage

This is the VIM effort to assist in the flooding that occurred in several areas of Wisconsin.

We will be in the New Lisbon/Mauston/Elroy area assisting in that area's damages. The Winding River UMC in New Lisbon will house the group.

If you can get some availability in your schedule plan to sign on to be the hands and feet of the Lord in this effort. All that is needed are willing hands. Daily registration permitted.

Cost - WAC/VIM. Per day registration \$25/day

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Coleader: TBA

May 10 – 15, 2020 - 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 26, 2020**.

Co-leader and Registrar: Don Bastian, 1240 St. Huberts Drive, Hubertus, WI 53033. (414)467-5015; Email: donfelice21@gmail.com

Co-Leader: Don Mevis, Westfield, WI; (608)296-2827; Email: mevis@frontier.com

May 16, 2020 – Pine Lake Camp – Chain Saw Training (DNR certification)

Attention Volunteers: Anyone using a chain saw as a volunteer must have certified training!

Chain Saw Training Course for beginners and experienced cutters with emphasis on safety and working with basic hazards evaluation.

This course covers:

1. Personal protective equipment
2. Equipment inspection / safe handling of equipment
3. Chain sharpening
4. Basic hazard evaluation / storm damage
5. Tree felling evaluation
6. Working with trees and branches under spring pressure

When: May 16, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.

Location: Pine Lake United Methodist Camp, W8301;
CTY HWY M, Westfield, WI 53964

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Lunch: Will be provided

Limit:10-15

Nathan Stanford is an Independent Chain Saw Safety Trainer who is highly qualified.

Please bring helmet, ear and eye protection. Also bring work boots, gloves, chaps and chain saw if you have them. Dress for the weather. You will receive a wallet card for **participating or attending** a basic chain saw safety course.

Dead line is May 2, 2020

Write the check to WAC/VIM Camps.

Please send your name, address, email address, and money to:

Chuck Wedemeyer

8389 N. Ivy St.

Brown Deer, WI 53223

414-517-5576; jcwede@gmail.com

June 21 – 26, 2020 – 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 14, 2020.**

This is a drive to camp.

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);

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July 27 – 31, 2020 – United Methodist Children’s Services – Milwaukee, WI

This will be a return trip to a very worthy agency on the front line of efforts to deal with folks with major life issues relating to poverty and lack of basic life opportunities. This is always a rewarding trip as the agency has been in existence for years and is very dynamic in the community there. It is possible we will be helping with some phase of facility.

This will be an adult/youth trip.

Cost is \$150.00 (\$30/day) which includes your meals and lodging.

Daily rate and daily participation will be encouraged as well.

A 3 day minimum participation is suggested.

(Deposit of \$30 due with registration form ASAP.) Final payments are **due by July 14, 2020** - Check made out to WAC/VIM Camp.

Leader: Bruce Koch, 1560 Meadowlark Ln., Prairie du Sac, WI 53578
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Leader /Registrar: Jeff Virchow, 1535 Meadowlark Ln., Prairie du Sac, WI 53578
Phone: [608-393-3991](tel:608-393-3991) Email: jvirchow17@gmail.com

October 4 - 9, 2020

Lake Lucerne UMC Camp, Neshkoro, WI

Join us for a week of fellowship, fun and hard work! Plan to arrive and settle into your room in one of the cabins, then join us for dessert and our first evening together in Ridgewood, where we will share morning and evening devotions each day. Meals will be eaten in the Lodge starting with Monday breakfast and concluding with lunch on Friday. Tasks may range from cleaning out cabins (washing windows, sweeping floors) to bringing in the pier on the lake to cutting down trees and brush to roof repairs and laying new sidewalk! 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.

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

Registration deadline is **September 15, 2020** to insure adequate planning.
(Deposit is \$36 with the registration form. Check made out to WAC/VIM Camp.)

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

October 18 – 24, 2020 – Poverty/Homeless Assistance, Detroit, MI

Cass Community Social Services works across the City in areas of concentrated poverty providing programs for food, health, housing and jobs. This is a dynamic organization serving on the front line of the poverty relief effort in this very needy community.

- CCSS prepares and serves 1 million meals annually.
 - 325 homeless men, women and children currently stay in one of CCSS shelters, transitional housing or permanent supportive housing programs.
 - CCSS operates a weekly free medical clinic and a day program for 100 adults with developmental disabilities.
 - 70 adults are currently employed in the agency's Green Industries which marry jobs with sustainability.
- They would like us to help repair their buildings and get them ready for inspection. We will be painting, patching, cleaning etc., in ten of their buildings. We will be sleeping in the Cass United Methodist Church on our air mattresses. Showers are available.

Cost is \$175. This is a drive to trip. Checks made out to: WAC/VIM.

A deposit for registration is \$100 and should be sent to the registrar by the deadline for registration which is **October 6, 2020.**

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