

SYI MISSION EXPERIENCE



SYI MISSION EXPERIENCE is a unique opportunity for youth groups and entire congregations to serve in Pittsburgh, Pa., with Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Groups are immersed in the Garfield and East Liberty neighborhoods by working along with Garfield Farm and Open Hand Ministries. These two organizations work to transform abandoned land and homes into spaces that bless the community.

Program Design

The experience is theologically grounded in discussion and study of what it means to be a neighbor and occurs in conjunction with the faculty and staff of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Garfield Farm, and Open Hand Ministries.

Program Cost

The cost is \$400 per person and includes housing in double occupancy rooms with private baths at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Calian Hall; breakfast Sunday-Friday and boxed lunches Monday-Friday; evening speakers; group devotional materials; and all programming fees. Dinners and weekend meals may be prepared by participants in the full common kitchen, which is accessible in Calian Hall, or be ordered from a number of local restaurants.

Who is God calling you to be? What is God calling you to do?



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Mission Partners

Garfield Farm Established in 2008 and located in a once-neglected neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Garfield Farm and the work of founder and PTS graduate John Creasy '06 have restored the area through permaculture gardening. John is faith driven and believes in caring for what God has created. The farm focuses on serving and maintaining a working relationship with the Garfield residents.

Open Hand Ministries Also in 2008, PTS grad Michael Stanton '06 founded Open Hand Ministries to help low-income families become homeowners in the East Liberty and Garfield communities. Through a partnership with Circles, a program designed to move people and families out of poverty, Open Hand builds intentional relationships while offering support and education on social issues.

“ It was the perfect combination of hands-on ministry, learning why we were doing what we were doing, and how to take it home and apply it to our own setting. I believe it will be looked upon in years to come as truly a life-changing experience for many of our young people.

- 2018 Mission Experience Participant



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