

## THE PILGRIMAGE

More than 30,000 persons in New York are homeless and without shelter, according to the Columbia University Medical Center. Throughout the United States, more than 800,000 people are homeless each day and between 2.3 million to 3.5 million are homeless for periods of time.

Homelessness is a complex problem, one that affects many urban and rural communities. The 2010 Urban Pilgrimage is a chance to learn about homelessness, help out with a soup kitchen and visit a transitional housing site. During the pilgrimage, students will be able to reflect spiritually, theologically, philosophically and politically on the societal causes and concept of homelessness. It is our hope that this experience will help empower us to combat homelessness in our own communities.

**COST : \$150**  
**final payment due**  
**by February 1, 2010**  
**Limit: 15 persons**

Includes the cost of housing and Metrocard while in New York. Young Adults from the Diocese of Los Angeles are encouraged to contact the Rev. Nicole Janelle for scholarships (travel and otherwise) to NYC. A few meals during the Pilgrimage are provided, but participants are asked to bring a minimum of \$60 for food (simple meals from vendors and grocery stores) and activities during the free time.

### HOUSING

HI-New York (Hostelling International)  
891 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY, 10025-4403

Phone: 212-932-2300  
Fax: 212-932-2574  
<http://www.hinewyork.org>

## THE SCHEDULE

March 19 – Arrive in New York  
March 20 – St Mary's Manhattanville Street ministry  
March 21 – Visit people, agencies and churches working toward ending homelessness  
March 22 – Visit Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen  
March 23 – Tour of Wall Street and discussion on wealth and poverty  
March 23-24 – Retreat  
March 24 – Travel home

### THE SITES

These are the two key sites – there may be others.

Common Ground  
<http://www.commonground.org/>

Common Ground's mission is to solve homelessness through street to home initiatives and by helping those most vulnerable to homelessness maintain their housing. We are a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization established in 1990 with programs in New York City, New York's Hudson Valley, and Connecticut.

Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen  
<http://www.holyapostlesnyc.org/haskhome.htm>

Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen has been a symbol of hope and compassion in the Chelsea section of Manhattan for the past 23 years. Housed in the landmark Church of the Holy Apostles, the Soup Kitchen, with the help of 40-50 volunteers and staff, serves over 1,100 hot nutritious meals each and every weekday, including holidays. Anyone who comes to our door is welcome – without question or qualification. Since the Soup Kitchen first began in 1982, it has served over 5.6 million meals. Soup Kitchen volunteers work Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers assist in serving on the food line, greeting guests, collecting individual meal tickets, handing out drinks, and clearing and cleaning tables when the guests are finished eating.

Application  
Urban Pilgrimage 2010  
New York, New York, March 19-24, 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Year in school \_\_\_\_\_

Age on Jan 1, 2010: \_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Your school, chaplaincy or parish/diocese \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of your Chaplain/clergy person (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need transportation from your school? If not, how do you plan to arrive in New York on March 19? Can you come to an orientation meeting a few weeks before the event?

Can you make \$50 deposit by Jan 18? \_\_\_\_\_

Please email or attach to this application your brief response to the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in this journey?
2. Tell us about a situation or event in which you had to deal with differences (of opinion, culture, class, religion, etc.)
3. Tell us how your faith influence your interaction with your community and wider society.

Return this application by January 18th by mail or fax to:  
Valerie Bailey Fischer  
63A Highland Street  
Roxbury, MA 02119  
fax: 617-848-2628

We will send you an email confirmation when your application has been received. Thanks!

learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.

Isaiah 1.17



The Episcopal Peace Fellowship

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- ☛ **Service-Learning Opportunity**
- ☛ **Theological Reflection**
- ☛ **Learn from people who are on the front lines of caring for the homeless**
- ☛ **Work with other college students and young adults**

For more information contact

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## Urban Pilgrimage

Focus on Homelessness and Poverty

March 19-24, 2010  
New York City

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