

KENTUCKY DIOCESAN MISSION SEPTEMBER 18TH to 25TH

Beautiful Barnes Mountain in Southeastern Kentucky will be the first mission destination of the Diocese this year. The location is approximately an hour and a half southeast of Lexington, Kentucky, in Appalachia.

The congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington are the sponsor of the ministry of St. Timothy's Outreach Center. St. Timothy's has existed since 1982 to serve the needs of one of the poorest areas in America. Based on per capita income, 16 of the 100 poorest counties in America are within the Diocese of Lexington.

Quoting Bishop Rev. Stacy Sauls, "We the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington have become more and more aware of a growing desire among people of the Church to serve and work with the poor. We are very excited about this interest and engagement in the Church. Therefore we invite all who might be called to a domestic mission to consider Southeastern Kentucky as a place to serve. We offer work that matters, mission opportunities that are high on building relationships with our people, and opportunity to learn about the rich history and culture of Appalachia, and a transformative experience of confronting the complicated issues to the abiding poverty of the area."

There are 20 openings for this mission. The mission is half full. The dates of the mission are September eighteenth to the twenty-fifth of this year. To register or obtain more information contact Terry Dorcy, Mission Coordinator at tjdorcy@aol.com Terry's phone number is 269-349-3625. The mission will be lead by Julianne Day of St. Andrew's parish in Grand Rapids, and the Rev. Cindy Nawrocki, Deacon at St. Mark's Church, also in Grand Rapids.

The Diocese is also sponsoring three additional missions this year. Bishop Gepert will lead a youth mission to the Dominican Republic in June. This mission is full. There will also be a mission to the Mississippi Gulf Coast from October 22nd to the 31st. Carol Abbott from St. David's in Lansing, and Terry Dorcy from St. Luke's in Kalamazoo will lead this mission. The final mission of the year will be to New Orleans from November 12th to the 21st. Shirley Henning from St. Phillip's in Buleah and Larry Emery from St. Mark's in Coldwater will be the mission leaders. Capacity for the Mississippi and New Orleans mission is also twenty people. Please also contact Terry Dorcy regarding these missions.