

Made to Make a Difference Retreat

April 6 -7
7 – 12th Grade

Drop off at Hyde Park: 5:30p on Friday, April 6th

Pick up at Hyde Park: 5:30p on Saturday, April 7th

Cost:

\$25.00*

*Thanks to all the hard work at the Dance-a-Thon – the cost of materials and supplies for the work projects are funded which makes the cost of the retreat much lower!

Retreat Info:

In a world where young people are told, “not yet,” or “just wait,” or “you’re not old enough,” when it comes to making a difference in their community and around the world, Hyde Park Community UMC wants young people to hear and live out a different message. We are all called as followers of Jesus, regardless of age, to care for the least, the last, and the lost. The Made to Make a Difference Retreat is a local service retreat that will focus social justice issues such as poverty, food insecurity, and inequality and explore how young people can be allies, influencers, advocates, and world changers. It will be a mix of service learning and work projects in order to make a difference in the lives of people in Cincinnati and around the world.

Agenda for Friday night:

We will meet at Hyde Park Community and travel to Over-the-Rhine Community Church for a dinner and presentation from Venice on Vine. This restaurant and catering business committed to being a pre-employment training and job placement program for individuals with barriers to employment. During dinner, youth will learn about the history of Cincinnati and the social justice issues that impact our community.

We will return to Hyde Park Community UMC for an evening of games and activities before lights out at 11:00p.

Agenda for Saturday:

In the morning, we will be partnering with Hands Against Hunger, a ministry of A Child’s Hope Int’l, to pack high protein meals for vulnerable children around the world.

We will debrief our experience over lunch and then be put on different teams for various local service projects in the area. Teams and projects will be finalized that day.

Finally, the groups will gather together to share their experience of how they made a difference to conclude the retreat.

Packing List:

Bible, journal, pen

Sleeping bag/blanket

Pillow

Air mattress (optional – will be sleeping on carpeted floors)

Toiletries (we will not be taking showers)

PJ's

Jeans for Saturday

Closed toed shoes for Saturday

T-shirt for Saturday (bonus points if it's Hyde Park Community UMC)

Work gloves for Saturday

Sweatshirt

Rain gear/coat (if cold)

Gloves/hat (if cold)

Old/cheap watch

Reusable/durable water bottle

Board game or cards

Please leave at home:

-Cell phones (youth can call home from Kate's phone if needed or youth can be reached at her phone: 937-269-6543. Parents PLEASE collect phones BEFORE drop off)

-Electronics