

Christian Love in Action



Our Purpose

To continue our partnership with our brothers and sisters in Samara, Russia by sharing our faith, time, talent, and money in mission. By working side by side with our partners in Samara, we answer Jesus' call to make disciples and experience firsthand HPCUMC's ministry for the long-term sustainability of the churches in Samara and the Volga District.

Skills Needed

- *Love of God and others*
- *Passion to serve*
- *Willingness to share your faith journey with others*
- *Cultural humility and awareness*
- *Flexibility to help in a variety of ways*
- *Adaptability to schedules and circumstances*
- *No special education or skills needed*

Requirements

- Openness & appreciation of Russian people, food and culture
- Passport valid through February 2021 and will need to be available by May 31 to obtain a Russian VISA
- Attend 4 team meetings
- Current immunizations (see your doctor for details)
- A level of physical fitness that will allow walking long distances and stair climbing.
- Adherence to all schedules and time lines

Team Meeting Dates:

March 8, April 5, May 17, and July 26

The Experience

We work, help, learn, and befriend others to accomplish the ministry of Jesus Christ that otherwise would not be possible. You will meet wonderful people on the team and in Samara. You will grow spiritually and experience Jesus in new and exciting ways.

The first part of the trip includes the team attending the Eurasia Annual Conference in Moscow. This will allow our team to see the work of the church in Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, and the countries of the former Soviet Union as well as an opportunity for cultural immersion in Moscow. Then, we will travel with our Samara UMC brothers and sisters via train and to Samara for the rest of our time together.

While in Samara, we will have the first-hand opportunity to experience the ministries of the Volga District such as:

- Helping Hand outreach (feeding ministry)
- Prayer Services
- Pastor Doug preaching on Sunday morning
- Young Family Fellowships
- Ministry to the Gypsy youth

The Place

Samara is the 6th largest city in Russia, with a population of 1.2 million people on the banks of the beautiful Volga River, 600 miles SE of Moscow.

Samara UMC is one of HPCUMC's Global Outreach partners. We have been sending mission teams to help nurture, develop, and grow the relationship with Samara UMC since 1996.



The Need

Hyde Park Community UMC as part of our Global Outreach ministries is involved with the ongoing development and training at Samara UMC and the Volga District congregations to develop a stewardship and learning base. Fellowship and sharing in work, learning, and worship brings support and encouragement to this first generation church.

Government support for those in need is meager and Samara UMC has developed outreach to their less fortunate neighbors and refugees. Mission Teams work with our Russian sisters and brothers in Christ in their outreach.

Growing Russian congregations often lack sufficient income to equip their buildings and ministries.

Living Accommodations

At the time of printing, details are still being worked out; please ask one of the leaders for an update. Team members of the same gender will share accommodations and, when possible, couples will room together.

Leadership

Kevin Betts is on his 7th trip to Samara. He is the lead in our partnership with Samara.

Rev. Kate Smith co-leads this year's team. She has made over 50 mission trips around the world. Kate is Pastor of Mission & Outreach, Summer Impact Director at Hyde Park Community UMC.

Rev. Doug Johns plans to be a member of the team. He has made over 30 mission trips.

REGISTRATION:

Name _____
Street _____
City/Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Email _____
Date of Birth _____
Occupation _____
Passport # _____
Place of Issue _____
Date of Issue _____
Expires _____

My deposit of \$300 is enclosed

Down Payment of \$1,500 by March 1, 2020

Balance of \$1,400 due by May 31, 2020

*Checks should be made payable to the
"Hyde Park Community UMC." And put
Samara Trip 2020 in the memo*

I wish to participate in this mission and understand inherent risks of traveling to another country. I also assume full responsibility for raising the cost of this mission trip.

Participant's/Guardian's Signature:

_____ Date _____



THE COST

Hyde Park Community will provide a \$400 scholarship to each participant. Additional needs based help is available. Projected cost is \$3,200 per person (the \$400 scholarship has been applied to this number). This cost includes air & ground transportation, visas, lodging & meals, cultural immersion, supplemental Insurance and all applicable taxes. Every effort will be made to lower the cost of the trip once we have finalized the number of participants and purchased airfare.

Contact Pastor Kate Smith for a scholarship application.

Other questions about the mission or applications should be directed to Pastor Kate or Kevin Betts.

KSmith@HPCUMC.org 513-979-8179
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Cancellation refunds will be made with the exception of any fees already paid. *Full refund prior to air ticket purchase.*

Payment Schedule

Deposit: \$300 with registration *due Feb. 16*

Down Payment: \$ 1,500 *by March 1, 2020*

Balance of \$1,400* *due by May 31, 2020*

**Estimated amount, actual balance due will be given by May 17*

Registration and deposit can be completed via the attached form or online (hydeparkchurch.org)



Samara, Russia MISSION TRIP to Samara UMC Volga District



Wednesday, August 19th thru
Monday, August 31st/September 1

2020