

## Hope, Cope and Change

Join us for a Spring Break Service and Learning trip focused on Water, Interfaith Spirituality and Climate Change response. The trip will depart the evening of Friday, March 1 and return Tuesday March 5th. This trip will focus on the connections of communities around the upper Chesapeake Bay. The trip is sponsored by the Chaplain's Office and is free for up to 10 students. You do not need to be religious to participate in this conversation.

**Who:** We have space for 10 students who will ride together in 1-2 vehicles. While we will be discussing some spiritual questions on this trip, you do not need to be religious to participate, only open to a variety of voices, specifically Jewish, Christian and Unitarian Universalist, (maybe Islam). (No one will try to convert you to their faith.)

**What:** A service and learning and listening trip to focus on water and its connection to the land and people, especially focused on Climate Change and the spiritual resources we use to face these changes. How do we connect to water and land around us? As we work to cope with climate change and respond, how do we build resilience and not give into despair? Are there tools from the diverse spiritual connections and communities that might be resources for us as we confront the realities ahead of us?

Who will we be engaging with: Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, Adamah Retreat Center (learning and service); Seth Carey from UCC Church; Fred Tutman, Putuxant Riverkeeper and with him, tour Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (learning and possible service); Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Unitarian Universalist Church leader (potential).

There will be service and learning opportunities as we make our way to the Chesapeake Bay-you may get wet and dirty. We will work to help you pack appropriately.

We will have debriefing sessions in the evenings and some listening sessions as we travel.

**When:** We will depart Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>- early evening and we will return on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> (hopefully with enough time to drive home but having fed you dinner, if you desire). We will be renting 8 passenger vans for travel from Enterprise.

**Where:** We will have stops along the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, perhaps some of Northern VA and DC area if a few extra details get worked out. Itineraries of hotels/stay locations and all places of service will be available for parents closer to the trip.

**What else do I need to know?:** We will be staying in hotels (perhaps one retreat center) and mostly eating in restaurants. If you have food allergies/preferences, we have experience in working through accommodations and will supplement anything we cannot provide at a restaurant (this is a last case scenario). We are going to offer opportunities to consider ways we support communities as well as promote eating that positively affects our understanding of climate change (and these may be sometimes in conflict with one another), but we will not force anyone to eat a certain way (and that may depend on what is available to us).

Any other information: please contact Amy Shorner-Johnson

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Sign Ups will begin in January 17th with a February 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline-First come, First Serve, with a Waiting List provided.