

Summer 2026



Dear Friends and Family,

From January 2-10, 2027 I will be traveling to Puerto Rico for a service/cultural immersion/learning experience with young adults through the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. Reflecting on our collective purpose, "Walking Together For the Sake of God's Mission in the World," participants of this trip will learn from local organizations that are serving the neighbors in their communities. This trip will include: volunteering with The Happy Givers, learning about fair trade products like coffee, experiencing ecology and environmental impacts on agriculture and economies, ministry partnerships, and new ways to worship. We will also spend time in intentional vocational discernment as we consider our skills, interests, and passions, and how we use our lives to show up in the world and for our neighbors.

We will take time to discover the rich culture of Puerto Rico - the history, government, food, agriculture, and ecosystems - providing us with a deeper understanding of our neighbors there. We will hear about local initiatives, festivals, and programs that will leave us with curiosity about how God shows up in the people and places around us. And, undoubtedly, we will return home with a sense of wonder about how we can be mindful of humanity and creation in ways that deeply matter.

This experience will also provide a unique peer community where we can talk openly and authentically about faith and our spiritual lives, ask questions, encourage each other, pray together, and serve together. As we learn from and grow with other young adults, these relationships will provide invaluable connections, new ideas, challenging and fulfilling conversations, and help us to see our own environments through a new lens.

The total cost of this trip will be \$1,500 per person which we need to raise by October 1. And, we could use prayer to accompany us as we prepare to learn from our neighbors in Puerto Rico. If you feel called to share support, whether through prayer or a financial contribution, you can do so using the following information. Thank you for your generous support of ministry with young adults!

Together in Christ,

*If mailing a donation or prayer, please return the portion below to: Northwest Synod of Wisconsin 944 24 1/4 Street, Suite 2 Chetek, WI 54728. If making an online donation, please use link below. Thank you!*

**My name and congregation/city:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to support this young adult experience with a financial donation:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help offset the cost OR
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will make a donation online using the QR code or by visiting:
  - <https://nswi.org/young-adult-ministry>
  - in FUNDS, choose "Scholarship/Sponsorship for Young Adult Trip"
    - If sponsoring a specific student, please include their first and last name in the memo.



**\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to pray for the young adults participating in this experience.**

**Here is my prayer:** (which will be shared with participants at evening devotions during the trip.)

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