

Dear Parents,

Grace and peace to you!

I'm excited to share an early look at our Summer Youth Mission Trip, planned for June 14–19 in Kerrville, Texas. The plan is to depart on Sunday, June 14, and return on Friday, June 19.

While I am continuing to confirm final details this week with our local partners in Kerrville, I wanted to provide a clear and thoughtful overview so your family can begin to consider participation.

Vision

Our hope for this week is to shape a rhythm centered on:

- **Listening** – taking time to hear the stories of those we meet, especially how the recent floods have impacted lives, families, and the wider community, and how the Church and neighbors have responded.
- **Serve** – putting our compassion into action through hands-on service, caring for others with humility, love, and hearts shaped by Christ
- **Community** – growing together as the Body of Christ, forming genuine friendships through shared work, laughter, and daily life—creating space for joy, connection, and yes, plenty of fun along the way

Tentative Service Opportunities

We are currently planning a variety of service experiences that reflect this rhythm, including:

- ***River & Environmental Restoration***
Participating in clean-up and care along the river as part of ongoing recovery efforts.
- ***Church-Based Projects***
Partnering with St. Peter's in Kerrville as they reach out to their community—helping prepare for Vacation Bible School (VBS), organizing classrooms, and supporting their ministry to local families.
- ***Community Outreach***
Partnering with a local community to assist homes in need through gardening, light labor, and practical acts of care.
- ***Relief & Organization Work***
Assisting at a regional warehouse that helps recover and sort personal belongings found after the flood.

Each of these opportunities is meant not only to serve, but also to help students listen, learn, and respond with compassion.

Daily Rhythm (*Tentative*)

Each day will follow a balanced and intentional flow:

- **Morning:** Morning Prayer + Breakfast
- **Daytime:** Service work (morning and/or afternoon)
- **Afternoon:** Continued work as needed or recreation time
- **Evening:** Dinner, group reflection, and time together

We will also build in intentional space each day to process what students are seeing and hearing, helping them reflect on where God is at work in the lives of others and in their own lives.

At the beginning of the trip, trained professionals (*including mental health practitioners*) and local church leaders will help prepare our group by sharing the context of the flood and equipping students to engage thoughtfully and compassionately. At the end of the week, we will also take time to debrief together, giving students space to process their experiences and reflect on what they have learned.

There will be time for rest, recreation, and shared enjoyment throughout the week.

Lodging

We are currently thinking through housing arrangements, likely in a retreat-style or church-hosted setting. More details will be shared once confirmed.

Safety & Supervision

We will follow *all Episcopal Diocese of Texas Safeguarding Guidelines*, including:

- At least three unrelated adult chaperones present at all times
- Appropriate adult-to-student ratios based on age
- Male and female adult presence for overnight trips
- Continuous supervision with appropriate privacy
- A structured schedule that includes meals, rest, and adequate sleep

Your student's safety, dignity, and well-being remain a top priority.

Interest & Volunteers

As we continue planning, it would be very helpful to know:

- If your student is interested in attending
- If you might be open to serving as a chaperone

I do not yet know exactly how many adults we will need, but even an initial indication of interest would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to reply to this email or reach out to me directly.

I am truly looking forward to what this week could become—a time of listening, service, and shared life together, where students grow in compassion, faith, and community.

More details (*including cost, packing information, and final schedule*) will be shared in the coming weeks.

Grace and peace,
Pedro