



WHAT IS NYSUM?

NYSUM is short for New York School of Urban Ministry. NYSUM is more than just another “school”. We are a “training and resource center serving the urban church.” NYSUM’s purpose is to train laborers for the front lines – servant leaders who can face the urban challenge. Our school is unique in that groups from Seminaries, Bible Schools, Colleges, Churches and Mission Organizations learn urban ministry at the grass roots with a cross-cultural “hands-on” focus. This is possible through NYSUM’S years of networking and partnering with pastors and churches throughout all five boroughs of New York City.

WHAT DOES CLG DO AT NYSUM?

2-3 times a year we gather a team of people from CLG to go to NYSUM for a weekend (Friday – Sunday) and help them serve the homeless. Our teams serve NYSUM’s home ministry and then NYSUM takes us out to the streets of NYC for Urban Ministry - serving the homeless with blankets, food, water and the love of God.

Each weekend is primarily the same, but sometimes they will have a different focus: Operation Drumstick is a weekend where you’ll help NYSUM serve a full Thanksgiving Dinner to the homeless. March’s Compassion Weekend is all about getting out into the streets and sharing compassion for those less fortunate. May’s Women of Purpose is where you’ll go with NYSUM to NYC shelters for battered women and give them makeovers and a chance to start fresh.

WHERE DO WE STAY?

NYSUM has their own facility where they are able to house up to 275 people in clean, comfortable and safe dormitory style rooms. You will share a room with your team (up to 6 people) on bunk beds. Each room has a half-bath, access to shower stalls and air-conditioning.

IS URBAN MINISTRY SAFE?

Yes! NYSUM's staff members chaperone each trip out onto the streets to make sure each excursion is supervised. Each staff member knows the City well and will be responsible for taking the team to safe and secure environments.

I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

NYSUM provides you with ALL the training you'll need before you ever step out onto the streets. Plus, there are always veterans from CLG that will be on your team. They will be happy to show you the ropes and get you as involved as you would like to be.

OK. HOW MUCH?

The cost of any NYSUM weekend ranges from \$160-\$185 (The group also traditionally goes out to lunch on Sunday where you will need your own spending money, around \$15). The cost covers everything including meals, lodging and transportation while you stay with NYSUM.

I CAN'T PAY IT ALL NOW...

We want everyone to have an opportunity to reach out and share God's love with others. Once you decide you'd like to be a NYSUM Team Member you'll receive weekly email including weekly deposit suggestions. The deposit suggestions are based on how much you need for the trip and how many weeks you still have to deposit them. Just pay a little each week! In the email there will be a link where you can deposit the suggested amount, or any other amount that you wish, into your personal NYSUM Team Member Account. For each trip there will be a date when a \$50 deposit is due and another date by which your full balance is due.

WHY SHOULD I SIGN UP SO EARLY?

When you become a NYSUM Team Member you should take as much time as possible to prepare your heart and your finances for the trip. You'll also want to make some time to connect with your team members and recruit prayer partners before you go. One way to do this will be to take advantage of the weekly emails Team Members receive from the time they sign up to the start of the trip. Each email is packed with helpful info and links such as money saving tips and suggested payment amounts, prayer points, links to your packing list and notes from your team members. The earlier you sign up, the more time you'll have to benefit from these great tools.

IF I CAN'T GO THIS TIME, HOW ELSE CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Become a Prayer Partner! As soon as you sign up to partner with us in prayer you will receive weekly Prayer Points straight to your email as well as updates from the team and links to share what you're praying for on Facebook! Prayer is such an important part of what we do at NYSUM and we'd be so blessed to have you with us.