

# Mission Trip Opportunity!

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EDITION!

I have an exciting opportunity to talk to you about! This summer the Faith & First Reformed Church Youth Group is going on a mission trip to The Other Way Ministries in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It's a great opportunity to serve in God's kingdom in a different place and have some fun in the process! Here's the details...

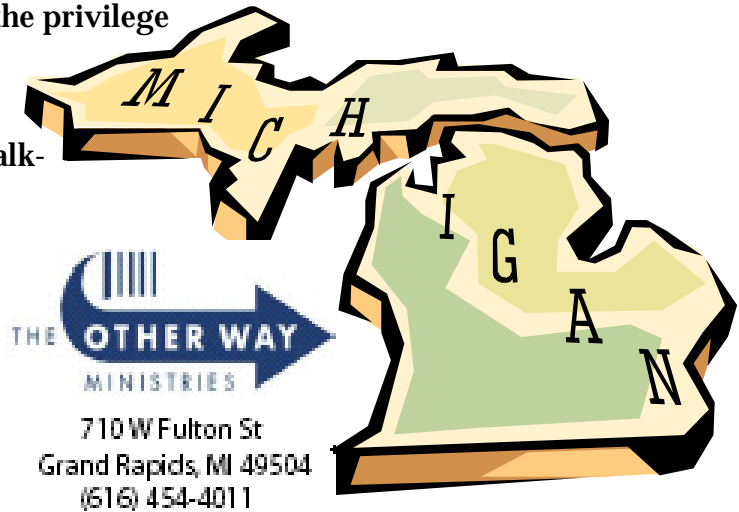
## Introducing: The Other Way Ministries in Grand Rapids, MI!

*(a note from Rev. Dick TerMaat, Founder and Former Executive Director)*

“There is more and more evidence that the city, the heart of urban living, is one of the ripest mission fields today. Here in the city, cultures overlap and we celebrate the diversity of races and the distinctive neighborhoods.... The church of Jesus Christ is alive and well in the city bringing light, hope and a profound joy at the privilege of representing the King of Kings to those He loves dearly.

We are grateful that you are considering walking beside us for a portion of your mission journey. We believe many will be blessed by your love and labor, and that you will be blessed by your investment in “The Other Way” Ministries. You will find this a warm and wonderful neighborhood, often full of need and short on resources, but welcome to your assistance and encouragement. This is

regarded as a safe neighborhood with a good balance of racial diversity and a high respect for “The Other Way” Ministries. We have been lifting high the cross of Christ since 1967. Our urban campus is on a main street, very visible and within walking distance of downtown.... You will love our dedicated staff and make friends in Westown (our neighborhood) that you will cherish for years. Get ready for a rich experience in the heart of Grand Rapids West Side.”



## Dates & Times, Activities & Places

**We'll be leaving Cedar Grove Sunday, June 21st and returning home on Friday evening, June 26th.** Our time at The Other Way (TOW) begins Sunday evening and ends Friday after clean-up. We'll be staying at TOW's Activity Center with separate sleeping rooms for guys and girls. We'll be on the floor, so you'll need your air mattress and sleeping bag. We'll be open to a variety of ministries: working at TOW cleaning, fixing, or serving in other various ways, plus opportunities to help through other service organizations in the Grand Rapids area. The evenings belong to us to go site-seeing, visit Craigs Cruisers, a semi-pro Baseball Game (the Grand Rapids Whitecaps), shopping at the mall, Frisbee golf, etc. We also plan on taking some time to visit Hope College (probably on the way to TOW) and possibly Cornerstone University.

## **Costs & Fundraising**

We are able to stay at TOW very inexpensively at TOW and we'll be making our own meals while there. There will be some transportation costs and activity costs, but all in all this will be a very inexpensive trip. **We are asking each trip participant to contribute \$100 towards the cost of the trip.** In addition, money will be needed by each participant for meals on the way to and from TOW. The rest of the trip costs will be covered through fundraising. We will have three fundraisers leading up to the trip and you must be present or have a substitute in your place in order to receive your portion of the funds from that particular fundraiser. Please mark these Fundraising dates on your calendar:

1. Soup Supper (with prep time on March 7th, and the Supper itself on Monday evening, March 9th)
2. Brat Fry during Cedar Grove's Rummage sale on Saturday, May 2nd.

Again, you must be present at the fundraiser to receive the funds. Failure to attend or find a replacement means that the amount earned per person at that fundraiser will be added on to the \$100 total you owe for the trip. Final payments will be due Wednesday, May 20th.

### **To Sign up...**

To sign up, please **turn in your Faith First Permission & Medical Release form and a \$50 deposit** to Jeremy or Tom **no later than Sunday, February 22nd** Again, the final \$50 payment will be due May 20th. Any questions, please contact Tom (920-668-6725) or Jeremy (920-668-6261). Thank You!!