

January 8, 2010

Dear Friends,

The staff at 8th Day Center for Justice invites religious and laity, students, leaders, and all prayerful people to participate in the 2010 Urban Plunge. 8th Day Center is a faith-based, systemic change, peace and justice NGO working on issues with local, national, and international importance. The Plunge, located in Chicago, IL, is a week-long immersion into the systems and structures of the urban environment from the perspectives of justice, spirituality, and ministry. Chicago is only one specific location, but it is also a functional microcosm for difficulties faced by many areas. The experiences imparted, which include analysis of social injustices and connection with the people and groups working to change them, are transferable to a variety of ministries and lines of work. Last year's schedule (enclosed) will give you an idea of the variety of opportunities that this program has made possible in the past. The events this year will be similar.

8th Day Center offers the Plunge during the week after Easter: from 5 p.m. on Monday, April 5th until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 10th.

The fee for the program is \$200 per person. Room and board is not included in the fee. Participants can make arrangements for housing with members of their congregations or with friends in the city, and Mindy at the Darst Center (312.225.3099) can be contacted for other housing options. Some meals will be provided.

Preparing participants before the Plunge is important, and once we have received your reservations we will make arrangements to do so. This preparatory orientation will help all of us have the best possible Plunge experience.

If you would like to participate in the 2010 Urban Plunge you can inform us by returning the enclosed registration form on or before Monday, February 15. You can also get a copy of the registration form online at www.8thdaycenter.org by clicking on "Projects." The registration form can be found under the menu "Urban Plunge." Space is limited and we encourage you to respond as soon as possible. We also ask that you circulate the included flier widely throughout your various communities, so that as many people as possible know about the Urban Plunge. Please telephone or email us if you have questions about the program or if you need further information.

8th Day Center staff is eager to offer an enjoyable and meaningful experience. Over 600 people have participated in this program since its inception in 1977. We hope that you will join us this year.

On behalf of the Urban Plunge Committee,
In peace,

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