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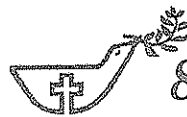
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Dear Friend:

The staff at the 8th Day Center for Justice invites members of your formation program and other interested religious to participate in the 2008 Urban Plunge. The Plunge, physically located in Chicago, is a weeklong immersion into the systems and structures of the urban environment from the perspective of justice, spirituality, and ministry. Skills learned during the Urban Plunge are transferable to any ministry. The enclosed DRAFT schedule will give you an idea of the variety of opportunities that this program makes possible. Sites may vary for the 2008 program.

The Center offers the Plunge during the week after Easter: from 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25 until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29. It is hoped that this will help alleviate some of the travel struggles we have had in the past.

The fee for the program is \$160 for 8th Day member communities and \$200 for non-members. This is an increase from last year, but due to rising costs, we need to charge more from previous years. Room and board is not included in the fee. Many participants make arrangements for housing with members of their congregations in the city. Dinner will be provided each day (except Saturday, we will have lunch together.)

Getting to know each other before we begin the Plunge experience is important. Once we have received your reservations we will make arrangements to visit you in your local living arrangement. This preparatory visit will help all of us have the best possible Plunge experience.

If you have people who would like to participate in the 2008 Urban Plunge you can inform us by returning the enclosed registration form on or before Tuesday, January 15, 2008. You can also get a copy of the registration form on-line at www.8thdaycenter.org and click on projects. Click onto Urban Plunge and you will see where to click onto the registration form. Space is limited and you are encouraged to respond as soon as possible. We also ask that you circulate this letter widely throughout your various communities, so that as many people as possible know about the Urban Plunge experience. Please telephone us if you have questions about the program or if you need further information.

The 8th Day Center staff is eager to offer an enjoyable and meaningful experience. More than 450 people have participated in the program since its inception in 1977. We hope that you will join us this year.

Peace,

Brian McCaughlin, SVD

On behalf of the Urban Plunge Committee