

New Policy and Fee Structure for Workcamp Program effective January 1, 2013

Most of you know that the last six years since Katrina have been both a blessing and a challenge for Back Bay Mission as a whole and certainly for the Housing Recovery Program. Hurricane recovery work is now drawing to a close, thanks to the outstanding efforts of thousands of volunteers like you who have given so generously of your time and service. Back Bay Mission's historic work to rehabilitate low-income housing and preserve vulnerable neighborhoods throughout the Gulf Coast region does not end, however. We look forward to continuing to host volunteer mission groups to assist us in that work, as we have done since the 1960's.

As we look toward the future, we carefully considered all aspects of the workcamping program, including our ability to continue hosting such large numbers of volunteers and provide a satisfying, meaningful work and service experience for you. In order to accommodate the demand of churches wanting to participate in this program and ensure meaningful work, we must implement a fee and policy structure that better supports the program.

After much thought and prayer, and after soliciting input from many of you, we are implementing a new fee structure for the workcamp program effective January 1, 2013. The changes are:

- To add a per person materials fee to assist with purchasing the various materials needed for projects. (i.e. paint, lumber, nails, fixtures, etc.)
- To institute a deadline by which groups must guarantee their numbers and pay all associated fees.

SO BEGINNING IN 2013

(Note: Changes/additions to our overall workcamp policies & fees are in *bolded italics* below)

NEW FEE STRUCTURE & POLICY

Registration Fee: \$200/group

Housing Fee: \$75/per person

Materials Fee: \$50/per person

Your registration fee is due no later than **30 days** from your initial reservation confirmation and should be clearly marked with the group name and date of mission trip.

Final group numbers must be guaranteed 60 days prior to arrival: all per person fees (i.e. Housing & Materials fees) must be paid by the group based on those guaranteed numbers.

All per person fees are due upon arrival in one check per group payable to Back Bay Mission and should be clearly marked with the group name and date of mission trip.

These changes will help to ensure that the long standing traditions of providing meaningful, well-organized and outstanding service experiences at Back Bay Mission may continue to be enjoyed by a large number of new and returning groups. We look forward to your ongoing participation and selfless service. See you at the Mission!