

Dear Northwest Conference families,

Did you know that parents are still the primary influencers of the faith development of their kids?

Believe it or not, your children listen to you more than any other outside source – the good and the bad. What you say and what you do makes a difference.

We want to give you an opportunity to do this well.

Because we believe Jesus is the hope of the world, *because* ministry is most effective when church and home partner together, and *because* there are still so many unmet needs in our communities, we invite you to NWC Family Go:Serve.

Go: Serve is targeted to families with children in grades Pre-K through upper elementary school.

Go: Serve is an opportunity for families to learn and grow together, in a family-friendly, yet stretching, environment suitable for children. Families can expect to have their worldview expanded, to be inspired by God's kingdom workforce in the world, and to have opportunity to extend the hope and love of Christ with those experiencing unmet needs.

Interested in making a weekend of it? Attached is a list of area hotels, churches, and cultural learning experiences you may want to consider if you decide to make this into a weekend experience for your family.

Come with an attitude of curiosity, a posture of learning, and with a spirit of flexibility. We have done our best to make sure this event is family friendly, but family friendly doesn't necessarily mean comfortable. And even the most carefully scripted plans have hiccups. This is where you come in. Consider how you can model flexibility and service for your children. Come with an open heart and mind, expecting that God will do great things.

Joining you in the journey,

Go: Serve team members

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DATE: May 2, 2015

TIME: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Redeemer
Covenant Church, 7801
Brooklyn Boulevard,
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445