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- ▶ **Reading Camp – Lexington, Kentucky June 15-22, 2013**
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- ▶ **Pine Ridge Reservation South Dakota June 21-29, 2013**
The population of Pine Ridge suffers health conditions commonly found in Third World countries, including high mortality rates, depression, alcoholism, drug abuse, malnutrition and diabetes, among others. This mission focuses on cultural forces which have lead to extreme poverty among the Lakota Indians. Work projects to improve living conditions are part of this mission.
- ▶ **Minot, North Dakota DISASTER RELIEF MISSION July 19-28, 2013**
In June of 2011, the Souris River, locally known as the Mouse River, reached 1561.72 feet above sea level in the early morning, topping the 130-year-old record by almost four feet. The number of homes lost reached 4,100. Many of the people in Minot found themselves living in cars or vans in the aftermath of the flood. This is a disaster-relief/building mission.
- ▶ **Appalachia – Barnes Mountain, Kentucky September 21-28, 2013**
The oldest mountains in America are rich in natural beauty with their raging creeks, steep hollows and old pines. They are also one of the poorest regions in America with up to three times the national poverty rate, an epidemic of prescription drug abuse, the shortest life span in the nation, toothlessness, cancer and chronic depression. The wet climate of the Appalachian Mountains has caused rot to settle into the majority of the wood in many homes. This mission often focuses on a building project.
- ▶ **New Orleans, Louisiana DISASTER RELIEF MISSION November 15-24, 2013**
New Orleans has been devastated by hurricanes, most notably Hurricane Katriina in 2005. Housing is unaffordable and wages are low. Home and dwelling repair is a mission priority for this disaster relief/building mission.

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan covers the cost of registration, gas directly to and from the mission via car pool, motels up to \$80 per night directly to and from the mission, as well as housing and meals while on a mission trip. Interested in going on a mission trip? Contact Missions Coordinator Terry Dorcy tjdorcy@aol.com, or call (269) 349-3625. Diocesan mission work is possible due to the parish apportionments paid across the diocese. Mission trip dates are subject to change; please check the EDWM website for the most current mission trip information:
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