



# INTERGENERATIONAL 2019 MISSION TRIP

## FARM CHURCH | DURHAM, NC

 **July 14 - 20, 2019** 

In the summer of 2019, Youth and Adults will join together in an intergenerational mission trip in partnership with Farm Church, located in Durham, North Carolina. This is a unique opportunity to serve side by side with one of our most exciting and creative mission partners fighting food insecurity through urban farming. Learn more about Farm Church on the back of this flyer.

**What is an Intergenerational Trip?** This year's trip will include Middle School students accompanied by their parents, High School students, and mission minded adults from our congregation. A trip like this allows our students to be mentored and encouraged by leaders in our church and energizes all of our adults to be engaged in hands on service.

**Why Farm Church and Urban Gardening?** BMPC has been working against Hunger for 45 years in our local community and around the world. It is essential to our mission values as a congregation. Farm Church has decided that focusing on Hunger is the **most important** part of who they are as a church. Working together with them can help instill in our youth this shared value to work against Hunger and give us new and exciting ways to think about how we can reinvigorate our BMPC Hunger ministries.

**Cost of the Trip:** \$900 per participant will include transportation, meals, housing and programming expenses. Full and partial scholarships are available based on need.

**Housing:** We will be staying on the campus of Duke University - 3-4 people per room.

**Registration:** Registration is now open for the trip. The group is limited to 25 people. Youth and families will be given first priority in registering, but by March 1st the trip will be opened up to the whole congregation. Contact [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org) for more information about registration.

### Questions?

Youth and Families with questions should reach out to [DavidSmith@bmpc.org](mailto:DavidSmith@bmpc.org) and adults not connected to the youth programs who are interested in participating or learning more should contact [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org).

# More about our Partnership with Farm Church...

**Farm Church's mission is to gather a Christ-centered community around elements of soil and food, to break bread together, and to leverage all the resources of a farm to address food insecurity in our community.**

*Simply put, we can't think of a better place to be in touch with God and with each other than on a farm. There's something about sinking our fingers into the soil, of nurturing the lives of plants and animals, of harvesting the gifts of creation and sharing them with others... There's just something about it all that feels like, well, worship.*

*That's the "Farm" in "Farm Church"--the excitement we share about worshipping God in a barn, in an orchard, or outside under a beautiful sky - the thought of our children taking care of chickens and harvesting eggs to be shared with a local food pantry--the chance to respond to God's love with an overwhelming desire to do what Jesus did and feed people.*

*We also believe in the good and wonderful power of church—not church as a building or a list of do's and don't's, but rather church as a come-one, come-all community of seekers committed to connecting neighbors, dispelling isolation, and sensing God's direction in the world and in our lives.*

*Farm Church grew out of a wild, imaginative question: "What could church really be?" As a community, we're hoping to answer that question as we worship God, harvest vegetables, and show up in the world in ways that make a real difference. We welcome you to come and experience Farm Church with us!*

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In 2017, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church awarded Farm Church our annual Richard Shaull Mission Grant established to provide "seed" money for transformative mission around the world. That \$50,000 grant was used to fund significant capacity building by acquiring the needed tools and equipment to operate at three separate garden sites throughout the city of Durham, NC, tripling their food production in the 2018 and 2019 growing seasons.

This intergenerational trip will allow us as a whole congregation to go beyond just investing financially in the good work that the Farm Church community is doing. We will invest our time and our energies and get our hands dirty as we do this work side by side with our partners in mission. To learn more about Farm Church check out their website - [www.farmchurch.org](http://www.farmchurch.org)

