



[Luke 1:46-55](#)

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name"

Food for Thought: Mary's song of praise, famously known as the "Magnificat", comprises her response to God's sovereign plan. As you read through these verses, what sticks out to you the most? What does it mean to magnify the Lord, and have you ever done this? If you were to write out a song of response to God working in your life, what would that song look like?

Thanks for your Ministry this advent season!

[National Youth Event](#)

Rhode Island Conference will be sending a delegation to the National Youth Event at Purdue University in Indiana on July 10-13. It is expected to draw 3,000+ attendees from around the nation, and you are invited to be a part of this exciting gathering.

To learn more, and to register click on [NYE](#)..

If you have any further questions you may contact Rev. Kat Townes at Central church

[Summer Polity](#)

Summer United Church of Christ History, Theology and Polity 2012 will be led by Andover Newton Theological School @ Geneva Point, New Hampshire the first two weeks of June, Monday –Friday, June 4-8 and the second week, Monday-Friday, June 11-15.

[Mission work Opportunities](#)

United Church of Christ Responding To:

Hurricane Irene, 2011 (see above)

[Spring Storms, 2011](#)

- o [Birmingham, Alabama](#)
- o [Roundup, Montana](#)

[Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, MS](#)

[Florida Conference](#)

Disaster recovery work groups may be quite different from other kinds of mission trips. Work projects for any particular week may not be known ahead of time. Flexibility and patience are key for the success of your experience. Materials for orientation, debriefing and on-site reflection are available from each site upon registration.

Other Types of Group Mission Trip Opportunities also available See [Mission Trip Opportunities 2011](#) for more information.

Long-Term "Partners in Service" Volunteers for Individuals/Couples

Assist with Leadership in Programs
3-12 month Placements
Housing and Food/Living Expenses Stipend Provided

Other Types of "Partners in Service" Volunteer Opportunities also available. See [Partners in Service Volunteer Opportunities](#) for more information.



New partner host site in New Orleans - The Phoenix of New Orleans (PNOLA). PNOLA utilizes mission trip groups and provides contractor quality project management services to help homeowners rehabilitate and return to their homes. Year-round January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012. [Registration Information](#).