

Webster UCC Church Council Resolution Lakota Mission 2005

The Webster UCC Church Council, pursuant to recommendation of the Board of Deacons, hereby acts to authorize a trip in the name of, and as a Mission of, Webster United Church of Christ to the Oglala Lakota Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota as participants of the RE-MEMBER program during the period August 13 to 19 by those members and friends of Webster Church who shall agree to abide by the following provisions and rules for this Mission. The Council has determined that this Mission, carried out as described herein, to be a validly authorized activity sponsored by this church for the benefit of said members, friends, and the Oglala Lakota Nation whose guests we will be as participants of the RE-MEMBER program. Lakota Mission participants are expected to follow the rules of RE-MEMBER, to follow and respect the leadership of the Webster UCC Lakota Mission 2005 leader, Pastor LaVerne Gill, and to be caring and respectful representatives of Webster UCC.

Scope of the Mission

RE-MEMBER (www.re-member.org) is a “faith-based organization that exists to recall our country’s treatment of the Indian people and to repair the broken pieces of that relationship.” RE-MEMBER provides cultural education and opportunities for work projects including the building and installation of bunk beds in homes on the reservation, reconstruction and repair of reservation homes, and clean up of cemeteries and parks on the reservation.

Safety/Security

Health

This is a work mission in a potentially hot environment with dormitory style living conditions. Participants should be physically and emotionally able to handle the demands of this mission trip. If there is any doubt about the ability of a participant to meet the demands of the trip, the participant should consult with their physician and the trip leader before departure. Each participant will fill out a Webster UCC emergency form, including health insurance information (health insurance is required for all participants) and contact information. The trip leader, Pastor LaVerne Gill, will be responsible for collecting the health forms and keeping them during the mission trip.

Transportation

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the RE-MEMBER site in South Dakota. If members choose to ride with non-family members (car pool), drivers should be at least 25. Vehicles should be in good operating condition and insured. There should be a cell phone, first-aid kit and contact information in each car-pooling vehicle. RE-MEMBER provides transportation during the program week.

Youth

Parents are responsible for their own children. However, RE-MEMBER protocol places youth in work groups separate from their parents. Youth are expected to obey the rules of RE-MEMBER (see below) and to follow the directions of RE-MEMBER staff.

Rules

Lakota Mission participants are expected to follow the rules of RE-MEMBER (see below) as well as the verbal instructions of RE-MEMBER staff. Lakota Mission participants are expected to follow and respect the leadership of the Webster UCC Lakota Mission 2005 leader, Pastor LaVerne Gill, who reserves the right to send home any participant, at their own expense (or if a minor, at their parent’s expense), if she deems necessary for any reason.

RE-MEMBER rules: “Smoking is not allowed by anyone in RE-MEMBER vehicles or buildings. The purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol is prohibited anywhere on the Reservation. If any person is found to possess or consume alcohol or other illegal drugs their participation will be terminated, and, in the case of minors, parent/guardian will be notified and the youth will be sent home at parent/guardian expense.”

Injury/Illness/Complaints

All injuries, illness, complaints must be reported to the group leader.

Signatures

Webster UCC Lakota Mission 2005 leader:

_____ date _____

Participants:

I have read and understand the Webster UCC Lakota Mission 2005 Council Resolution and the RE-MEMBER rules.

_____ date _____

Parent/guardian if participant is under 18:

I have read and understand the Webster UCC Lakota Mission 2005 Council Resolution and the RE-MEMBER rules.

_____ date _____