Cross-Cultural Mission Experiences

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Migrant Farmworker Experience – Immokalee, FL
On this spring break trip, we look at issues of immigration, housing, material assistance, education and health care for migrant farmworkers and their families. As a participant, you’ll learn and serve in local service agencies, and have the opportunity to hear stories from farmworkers and ally organizations like the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), which help to advocate for fair wages and working conditions in Florida’s tomato fields.

Children’s Camp at a Spiritan Mission – San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic
This cross-cultural experience during the first week of August involves running a camp for children at a Spiritan Mission. You’ll work at a day camp for children that provides crafts, music, stories and outdoor games. In the evenings, spend time with the children and their families and experience the culture through food, dance and story sharing. Preference will be given to Spanish-speaking students.

Urban Plunge – Arlington/Baltimore, Chicago/Dayton
Historically, Spiritans in the United States have committed to working with African-American inner-city communities. On these spring break experiences, the primary goal will be to learn about the complexities of urban poverty, racism, socioeconomic disadvantage and food access. You will work with community members and serve these communities through conversations and relationship building.

Appalachian Experience – Mullens, WV
Travel to the southern coal fields region of West Virginia for the first part of spring break to live and serve at the Mullens Opportunity Center, where you will learn about and work toward improving community conditions relating to educational, environmental and economic development in the Mullens area.

Application Process
Applications are available at the beginning of the fall semester, and are due the first week of October. Graduate staff positions are available to current graduate students to assist with leading and facilitating group discussions, logistics and community building. All trips cost $100 total.

For more information on the application process, visit duq.edu/campus-ministry.

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