

Are you called to be a missionary?



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What if the work were right in your back yard?

Seamen's Church Institute **Ministry on the River** Workshops

Cincinnati, Ohio

Thursday, September 11, 2008

10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Christ Church Cathedral

318 East Fourth Street

St. Louis, Missouri

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

110 North Warson Road

Metairie, Louisiana

Friday, November 7, 2008

10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

3412 Haring Road

Ministry on the River is a network of lay and ordained persons who minister to those working on the rivers of our nation's heartland.

Those who work on towboats, transporting the goods that make our modern life possible, experience long periods of time away from family. Life on the moving waters is stressful. The work is dangerous. Faced with adversities while hundreds of miles away from home without the support systems they are accustomed to, river mariners can find themselves cut off from community, sojourners in a foreign land.

In the Bible, God charged the ancient people of Israel to protect the vulnerable, reminding them that they too were strangers once in Egypt.

God executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the stranger, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

Ministry on the River brings together people in communities surrounding the rivers of our country. Established in 1998, SCI's Ministry on the River is the nation's only full-time pastoral care ministry on the Ohio & Lower Mississippi River systems.

Volunteers who join in this endeavor serve to support the inland river mariner. Ministry on the River includes boat visits, counseling services, fellowship, and collecting and distributing gifts for Christmas and Easter. Different people find different ways to be a part of this welcoming community.

Seamen's Church Institute is sponsoring three workshops this fall to talk about **Ministry on the River**. Come learn about the ministry of welcoming inland river mariners sojourning through your community and discover how to become a missionary for SCI. A chance to share God's love with persons from all over the United States awaits you in your own back yard.

To register for one of these Workshops, contact **Ann H. Mills, Coordinator of Special Projects** amills@seamenschurch.org or (270) 575-1005