



Mennonite Disaster Service

Welcome to New Orleans, Louisiana

We are grateful that you have chosen to participate in the work of MDS. Rebuilding homes, lives and hope after disasters has its challenges but also many joys. We pray that you will be stretched but also encouraged as you join the MDS team to share God's love by being His hands and feet to those affected by disasters.

New Orleans was damaged not so much by the wind and rain of Hurricane Katrina, but by the failure of the levees surrounding the city to keep out the waters of adjacent Lake Pontchartrain. Much of the city was flooded and many homes still stand empty almost two years later. MDS partners with several organizations, including Catholic Charities, Crescent Alliance Recovery Effort (CARE) and Greater New Orleans Disaster Recovery Partnership (GNODRP).

Prior to your arrival, here are a few helpful hints that you should share with your group. If there are any further questions, please contact the New Orleans project office.

Project Accommodations

Your residence for your week of service will be at the MDS property located on Hayne Blvd. Volunteers will be staying on the first floor with meals being served on the second floor. Restrooms and showers are located on the same floor as the sleeping quarters.

Directions

From the WEST – I-10 to I-610 and then back to I-10 to exit 242 – Crowder Blvd.

From the EAST – I-10 to exit 242 – Crowder Blvd.

Crowder Blvd. to Hayne Blvd.

Turn left (west) on Hayne Blvd. to 7520 Hayne Blvd.

MDS is located on the Corner of Hayne & Mayo.

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Bring along your sense of humor, a willingness to learn something new and to meet people you didn't know before. We want you to leave with a satisfaction that you have used your God-given talents and helped some one who had a need.

Remember that you are a representative of Jesus, the church and MDS. Let your conversation and behavior fit the role of a volunteer "to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need."

"If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

-1 Peter 4:11