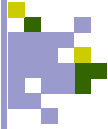


**Terre Haute  
District  
Sponsored  
Mission Project**



Travel to a Voronezh, Russia, a small town outside of Moscow, to help rehabilitate a building purchased by the Russian United Methodists into an Interfaith Retreat and Conference Center



This trip is a part of the  
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Volunteers in Mission  
Russian Initiative

Please share this information with  
your congregation and friends.

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**Contact Information**

If you would like more information about participating in the trip, please call Peter Priest at 812-877-6972 or the District Office at 1-800-919-8168 or 237-0101. Or you may send an e-mail to [thdist@abcs.com](mailto:thdist@abcs.com). You may also view more information at Peter Priest's website: [www.rose-hulman.edu/~priest/VIM/index.htm](http://www.rose-hulman.edu/~priest/VIM/index.htm) or [www.cministries.net](http://www.cministries.net).

*Churches or individuals who would like to make contributions should make checks payable to the Terre Haute District and mail to 1403 Chestnut Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807. Money will be used to fund scholarships and purchase supplies.*



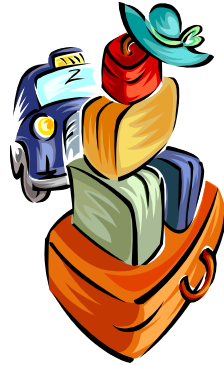
The people of The United Methodist Church



## Your Help Is Needed!

Help is needed in converting a former Soviet Tourist Base into an Interfaith Retreat and Conference Center outside of Moscow. According To Bishop Ruediger Minor, President of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, this is the most important UM Volunteer in Mission project and the only one he has approved. The following is a background of need as explained by Bishop Minor:

The Methodist Church was established in Russia in the 1860's, but was driven out by the Communist government in the 1920's. It was reintroduced after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. It has been growing rapidly because it satisfies the Russian need for fellowship and worship. Now there are over 100 churches. The Baptists, Pentecostals, Presbyterians, Seventh Day Adventists, and other protestant denominations are also growing rapidly. The United Methodists were able to buy a decrepit workers' tourist facility in Voronezh, 365 rail miles south of Moscow. The Methodists need to rehab it completely to house a large international religious conference in October 2004.



*Pack your bags for this wonderful mission opportunity*

After the completion of the facility, it would be made available to other denominations as an inter-faith retreat and conference facility. With the exception of a smaller facility owned by the Baptists, no other protestant denomination has such a grand property available to them.

### Other Opportunities:

Our United Methodist Volunteer In Mission slogan "Work goals matter, but building relationships come first." As time and our friends' schedules permit, we will visit the city and partake of the many cultural opportunities available. The city has a marvelous opera, ballet, and concert theater. These play a major part in a Russian's life, perhaps more than such things do in an American's life. Invite your new friends to go with you. You will build a stronger relationship with the Russians.

To inspire you to come back on an UNVIM 2005 project team, we will visit an orphanage for babies up to four years.

Volunteers are needed to repair the orphanage, hug, hold, rock, care for, love, and play with the attention-deprived children at the above-described under-staffed orphanage. We are particularly interested in finding experienced caregivers who can select and train participants. The orphanage is under-funded and under-staffed. Workers do not have enough time to give individual attention to all the children.



### Trip Dates:

May 15-29, 2004  
May 29-June 12, 2004  
June 12-26, 2004

### Cost:

\$2,295 per person

Cost includes airfare from Chicago, room and board in Russia, transfers, city transportation, train tickets, excursions, cultural events and registration with the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, visas, extra travel accident insurance and medical insurance. Those who wish to go on the trip should apply for their passport early.

**United Methodist  
Volunteer In Mission Team Leader  
and Culture Coach  
--Peter F. H. Priest**

Peter F. H. Priest, Professional Translator/Interpreter (accredited by the American Translators Association) and a retired Rose-Hulman Professor, has 36 years experience teaching Russian at Rose-Hulman, as well as, over 25 years experience in organizing and leading summer travel study trips to Russia.

Peter resides in Terre Haute, Indiana and is a member of Memorial United Methodist Church. You are invited to visit his website for in depth information on this trip.