ZimCamp offers youth a chance to visit and fellowship with young people in Zimbabwe and help build relationships through assisting with District-to-District partnership projects. Youth are given the opportunity to witness life in urban and rural settings. Despite the economic downfall in Zimbabwe, Christianity has been growing at high rate, and seeing the faith and smiles of people throughout the country, a person would never assume the country is in turmoil.

Youth are able to worship with United Methodists in Zimbabwe and are able to witness their passion and dedication for the word of God as well as see how they filled with such spirit and grace. They are able to see how the United Methodist Church is impacting and improving lives throughout the world. Not only by teaching and spreading the word of God, but by spreading the love of Christ through hospitality, improving health by providing affordable clinics and hospitals, education by providing affordable clinics and shelter and refuge by providing orphanages and care centers.

ZimCamp offers youth a chance to just be youth. A chance to be free and love thy neighbor as Jesus taught us. This is an opportunity to treat each person as an equal and above all to learn from other Christians and grow their faith.
FAQ

• What is the cost of the trip?
  o Each participant is expected to pay $2,500

• How can we fundraise for the trip?
  o This can be done through various ways:
    ▪ Speaking in front of your congregation
    ▪ Support letters (We can provide examples)
    ▪ Spaghetti dinners

• Is it safe in Zimbabwe?
  o The Conference has had multiple teams that have travelled to Zimbabwe and they have been welcomed warmly by the people in Zimbabwe and have never been unsafe. Although the country is politically unstable the UMC church has never had problems with the government. We are Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

• Where is Zimbabwe?
  o Zimbabwe is in Sub-Saharan Africa, more specifically in Southern Africa. It is a land locked country surrounded by Mozambique in the East, South Africa in the South, and Botswana in the East and Zambia in the North.

• Do we need a passport?
  o Yes you will need a passport as you will be travelling internationally

• Do we need a visa?
  o Yes but this is purchased when you get to Zimbabwe at Immigration and Customs

• What is the food like in Zimbabwe?
  o The main staple in Zimbabwe is called Sadza. Sadza is made from cornmeal or maize, and eaten with relish. Relish can be any kind of vegetable stew with meat such as beef or chicken.
  o Although this is the staple, other foods such as Potatoes, Rice and Past are also eaten.
  o Other traditional foods are peanuts, beans, butternut squash, gem squash, green maize (or corn on the cob), and cucumbers. Avocados are plentiful and cheap. Pumpkin leaves, can be eaten fresh and are commonly mixed into stews, with peanut butter.

• What immunizations do I need?
  o When teams travel to Zimbabwe we follow health guidelines given by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
  o Youth will have to get immunizations for:
    ▪ Routine Vaccines- measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot.
    ▪ Hepatitis A and B
    ▪ Typhoid
    ▪ Rabies
    ▪ Anti- Malarial Medication
    ▪ Yellow Fever- There is no risk of yellow fever in Zimbabwe. The government of Zimbabwe requires proof of yellow fever vaccination only if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever. This does not
include the US. If you are traveling from a country other than the US, check this list to see if you may be required to get the yellow fever vaccine

- **Where can I get these immunizations?**
  - Best option is to consult your primary care physician
  - Allegheny County Health Department

- **What are the emergency contact numbers?**
  - While in Zimbabwe the main contact at the Western PA Conference Center:
    - Alyce Weaver Dunn
    - Director of Connectional Ministries
    - 1204 Freedom Road, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066
    - 724.776.2300 x237
    - (dcm@wpaumc.org)

- **What is the general trip itinerary?**
  - Dates:
  - Trip includes mission work and interactions with youth in Zimbabwe
  - Learning about country's history and culture
  - Sight-Seeing

- **What are the accommodations like?**
  - While in Harare youth will be with host families
  - Outside Harare youth will be staying in hotels and chalets

- **How many people are going on the trip?**
  - There are slots for 15 youth.
  - There will be two male Chaperones and two female chaperones

- **Will there be orientation sessions?**
  - There will be Three Orientation Session. Parents are invited to the first and last.

- **When is the money due?**
  - Payments can be made at anytime, not only on dates before and more money can be paid. An easy way would be to make increments of $500.

- **Are parents allowed on this trip?**
  - No