



WHAT AMIGOS DAYS CAN MEAN TO YOUR CHURCH

Amigos Days offers a fresh opportunity for your congregation to engage new recruits in the satisfaction of volunteering. The “let me get into action and get quick results” types have especially found Amigos Days rewarding.

BONDING

Both men and women love the home repair work. But especially for men in a congregation, this work offers a rare chance to bond in an environment more suited to them than often found in Church activities. Friendships are made; bonds are strengthened; congregations are revitalized. The men agree: tool time rocks!

CONNECTING

Amigos Days has become a cornerstone of our North Texas Conference’s connective growth during its 11 years. It is a joy to watch teams from different churches become fast friends as they share work and lunch times. And it is a strong encouragement to realize, once again, that the United Methodist tradition thrives all across North Texas with people willing to cheerfully give their weekends to help others.

WORSHIPPING WITHOUT WORDS

Amigos veterans have often said the dirtier they get, the closer they feel to God. God’s presence is very real during every hour of the workday. What a joy to express our gratitude to God by sharing and working together!

TO BECOME A PARTNER CHURCH:

- Submit a Partner Church Registration to the Amigos Days Advisory Team
- Recruit Team Leaders (Organizational, Construction, Hospitality, Prayer)
- Form a Construction Team
- Form a Hospitality Team
- Form a Prayer Team
- Find ways to publicize Amigos Days within your congregation
- Make a financial contribution to Amigos Days (typically churches contribute between \$500-\$3,000; however, there is no minimum amount that a church is required to pledge in order to become a Partner Church). Pledges are due and donations paid before Amigos Days starts.



*A hands-on ministry
connecting churches
and their communities*

“My years as an Amigos Days team

leader have convinced me of

two wonderful things. First, many

new friendships were made

within our own congregation. And

second, the people who stepped

out in faith to try something new

were absolutely delighted to

find that this work is so much fun!”

— An Amigos Days volunteer





WHAT IS AMIGOS DAYS?

Amigos Days is a hands-on ministry where urban and suburban churches are joining together with People Helping People of the City of Dallas and residents of urban neighborhoods to make a difference in the city.

In the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are committed to an asset-based approach to community renewal through developing long-term relationships between church members and their neighbors.

GOALS OF AMIGOS DAYS

1. Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
2. Supporting Urban Churches in mission with their neighbors.
3. Building strong, on-going relationships between urban and suburban churches.
4. Restoring and revitalizing urban communities.



HISTORY OF AMIGOS DAYS

At the beginning of 1998 a group of people from San Juan Fellowship and several other churches in the Dallas Northeast District began asking, "How can we work together so that San Juan Fellowship can have a bigger impact in the lives of people in their neighborhood?" That small gathering of friends was the genesis of Amigos Days. By June of that year, we teamed up with People Helping People, a division of the Department of Housing of the City of Dallas, and members of 10 churches began repairing homes in East Dallas. After three days we celebrated with the neighbors living around San Juan Fellowship the wonderful way that the Spirit of God was moving through their community.



Word began to spread that something vital was going on in East Dallas. Momentum for Amigos Days has continued to build in the past 10 years. It has impacted nine urban churches and repaired more than 300 homes. Each year 1,000 Amigos from 44 United Methodist churches restore homes, renovate churches, and forge new relationships among people from many cultural and economic backgrounds. Our prayer continues to be that our God, who fashions us into one people in Christ Jesus, will join our hearts together in love and in service.

BENEFITS OF AMIGOS DAYS

Most of the planning for a major mission outreach event has been done for you. Amigos Days provides the scheduling, advertising, training, location of the worksite, and establishes the connections between host and partner churches. This makes the experience much more rewarding – your congregation can focus on the mission, rather than logistics.

THE "HABITAT" EXPERIENCE

Building a Habitat for Humanity home is an uplifting and satisfying volunteer outreach experience almost without equal for a congregation. But for most, the many thousands of dollars required to build a home just isn't possible. At the end of Amigos Days, there is a very similar reward: the thrill of seeing a very appreciative homeowner enjoying a renewed and repaired home.

