

# Upcoming VIRTUAL VIM events:

**Join us for a VIRTUAL mission trip to McCurdy Ministries in Espanola, New Mexico!**  
**(February 7, 10 and 11, 2021)**

McCurdy Ministries (formerly McCurdy School) has a long history with the United Methodist Church. Although they no longer operate the mission school onsite, they remain a National Mission Institution of the United Methodist Church. More importantly, through ministries such as an onsite preschool, mental health counseling, summer camp, after school and other youth programs, McCurdy is still making a difference! Since becoming a community center in August of 2017, they have expanded the ways they impact the community by providing adult education, high school equivalency, literacy coaching, parenting and grandparenting support groups! We hope you can join us to learn more about this remarkable mission site, its story, its culture and how you can help!

Our three Zoom sessions will be Sunday, February 7, Wednesday, February 10 and Thursday February 11, beginning at 6:30pm (Eastern). There will be a live or recorded staff person from McCurdy at each session.

The virtual mission trip will be co-lead by a small group that has made multiple trips to Espanola (Jason Schwartzman, pastor in the Susquehanna Conference (PA) and McCurdy Volunteer in Mission, Linda Gilgore, McCurdy Volunteer in Mission and Michelle Schwartzman, the Volunteer in Mission Coordinator for the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church).

To join us and to learn more about McCurdy Ministries, click below to register.

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## **VIM Training**

Must attend all 3 sessions, no charge, resources provided

Tuesdays 6-8p Mar. 16, 23, 30

VIM Training prepares us to have a positive impact in mission whether it is a few hours or weeks, local, national, or global. It is open to those who have lead teams and those who have never been on a mission trip. Taking this training does not require you to lead a trip but equips you for service. Topics covered include: Best Practices, Cultural Awareness, Health & Safety, Team Orientation, Useful Forms, Insurance and Fundraising.

Click to register

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## **“When Helping Hurts: The Small Group Experience”**

Michelle Schwartzman, VIM Coordinator is offering to facilitate a 6 week study, “When Helping Hurts: The Small Group Experience” for your church group. This is based on Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert’s book of the same name. If your church group, missions, Sunday School or other group would like to set up a study, contact Michelle at [vim@susumc.org](mailto:vim@susumc.org). This will be offered virtually using ZOOM until further notice.

## **White Fragility Book Study**

**STUDY FULL**

**EMAIL Michelle at [vim@susumc.org](mailto:vim@susumc.org) to put name on waiting list/info on next study**

Tuesdays 6:30-8p Feb. 2 - Mar. 9 no charge, will need to acquire own book

White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

Contact Michelle Schwartzman, VIM Coordinator with any questions.

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