



March 1, 2008

Dear Potential Serve Weekend Church Partner,

It is that time of year again...time to get ready for **Serve Weekend 2008!** Churches from all over Ventura County & West Los Angeles County, are gearing up to spread the love of Christ throughout our community. This year, we are expanding this outreach for both Saturday and Sunday, May 31st – June 1. Serve Weekend is more than a weekend in the sun; it is an exclamation point on a year long effort by churches all over Southern California to love our neighbors as ourselves for Christ.

The mission for Serve Weekend is to work together to serve our communities by demonstrating acts of kindness and meeting real needs with the intention of impacting those we serve with the love of Christ. For many churches, Serve Weekend is a great way to mobilize their congregation to begin (or better) the journey of becoming externally focused. It is about THE church serving the community. We are thrilled you are considering being a Serve Weekend Church Partner. It would be great to have you join us, listed below are some of the **benefits of participation:**

- Participation in one of the largest volunteer outreach ministries in Southern California
- Coaching from a Hub Church in your area
- Church Point Leader training
- Project/Team Leader training
- Planning and promotional materials
- Real-time web based organization

Mark your calendars for this year's event, the weekend of May 31st. Last year over 2500 people from 44 churches served in our communities through 250 projects. If early interest is an indication, we may possibly double the number of participants in '08. We would love to have you join us... **Just follow these 3 easy steps:**

- 1. Fill out and Mail in your Church Partner Registration Form (attached)**
- 2. Designate your ACTION Church Point Person** (main points of contact for your church)
- 3. Make sure that your Church Liaison attends the Church Point Leader Training date April 17th**(mandatory)

Upon receiving your registration form, your Hub Church Coach will be in contact with your assigned Church Point Leaders to help you begin your Serve Day adventure.

Questions? Go to <http://www.actionvc.org/serveday/> or contact a Hub Church Coach (attached).

Serving Together,

Rob Orth

On behalf of The Serve Weekend 2008 Oversight Committee



Hub Church :: Information

Your Hub Church liaison will provide you with healthy support, clear communication, and timely interaction. His/her job is to assist you with any questions you might have or troubleshooting any issues you may encounter during the next few months.

Your Hub Church liaison will also be covering you in prayer as you and your church plan, prepare, and implement Serve Weekend 2008 at your church. Call or email your Hub Church liaison he/she is here for you!

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Our Vision :: Purpose :: Values

What happens when followers of Jesus from different churches unite to serve their local communities? You'll find out on Serve Day!

Serve Weekend is an annual event empowering local churches to get involved in community service that clearly demonstrates the power of God's love through acts of empowered kindness and meeting real needs. Each year, churches from Ventura and Western Los Angeles Counties join together to plan and implement over 250 service projects that serve at organizations, businesses, and other locations in practical and tangible ways. Be part of Serve Weekend 2008 - get out and serve!

Our Vision

Our community will be changed by the Christ-following Church working together to demonstrate God's love through acts of empowered kindness and meeting real needs.

Our Purpose

To provide a day on which people can get involved in community service that clearly demonstrates the power of God's love through our unity in Christ.

Our Values

Unity, Action, Excellence, Faithfulness

Unity:

Partnering with congregations in the name of Christ to demonstrate God's love through service.

Action:

- Serving opportunities connect with people
- Serving opportunities meet legitimate needs
- Serving opportunities vary in their degree of "risk" for the participants
- Serving opportunities are offered for all ages and stages
- Both Acts of Empowered Kindness and Ongoing Organization Serving Opportunities are offered

Excellence:

Demonstrate our care through excellence in our service, preparation, and communication.

Faithfulness:

Integrate the value of serving our community into our daily lives.



Church Partner :: Registration Form

Please fill out this form and return it to **ACTION**

Region :: East Ventura County West Ventura County Western LA County

Church Name :: _____

Church Size :: _____

Address :: _____

Phone Number:: _____

Website :: _____

E-Mail :: _____

Liaison Name :: _____

Liaison Title :: _____

Liaison Phone :: () - _____

Liaison E-Mail _:: _____

Projected # of participants from your church :: _____

Church Partner Commitment Response Form

Please have your Sr. Pastor read, check the boxes, & sign this form as a commitment to these expectations.

- As Senior Pastor, I will personally support Serve Weekend in prayer and lead my congregation to do likewise.
- Our church will commit to making Serve Weekend a priority and will support it as such.
- Our Church Liaison will attend the Liaison Training Day April 17th.
- Our church will commit to participate in Serve Weekend by developing & hosting service projects.
- Our church will hold a follow-up event at each one of our project locations within 45 days of Serve Weekend.

Senior Pastor

Date



Timeline :: 2008

- **January 24 :: Co-Chair Meeting**
- **January 31 :: Steering Team Meeting #1 (6:30-8:30) -- Camarillo Christian**
 - Initiate New Church contacts – ID Point leaders
 - Re-contact points/churches from 2007 Serve Day
 - Contact county agencies for new projects
 - Resource development - ACTION
- **February 12:: Steering Team Meeting #2 (6:30-8:30) -- Camarillo Christian**
- **February 28:: Steering Team Meeting #3 (6:30-8:30) -- Living Oaks**
- **March 13th :: Church Point Leader Training**
 - **Mandatory**
 - Location: Living Oaks
 - 6:30-8:30PM
- **March 31st :: Church Point Leader Commitment Deadline**
 - Registration Forms Due to **ACTION**
- **April 8th :: Steering/Church Point Leader Monthly Meeting**
 - Project development by ACTION/Point Leaders
 - Resource Development Point/Team leaders for projects
 - Ongoing project site assessments
- **April 17 :: Project Leader Training (Thursday)**
 - All Project Leaders
 - Location: Living Oaks Community Church, Newbury Park
 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- **April 17 :: Brochures/Promo DVD available on line**
 - Points to show promo tools to senior pastor, outreach teams, small groups team leaders, youth leaders, etc.
 - Customize or use ACTION sign-up sheets to represent your projects
- **May 1st :: Project Information Deadline**
 - All Projects MUST Be Entered in to <http://www.actionvc.org/serveday/>
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- **May 1st :: T-Shirt Orders Due**
- **May 4th :: Church Promotion & Volunteer Registration Begins**
 - Brochures, bulletin insert, posters, verbal announcements, video, etc.
 - Volunteer sign-ups

Timeline :: 2008 (Continued)

- **May 11th :: Church Promotion & Registration**
 - Second week of sign-ups
- **May 13th :: Steering/Church Point Leader Monthly Meeting**
- **May 18th :: Church Promotion & Registration**
 - Third week of sign ups
- **Week of May 19 :: T-shirts Available**
 - Pick up at Your Hub Church
- **May 25th :: Church registration- final Sunday : Night of Prayer**
- **May 31st-June 1 :: Serve Dates!!!**
- **June 1 or June 8th :: Celebrate Serve Day at your church**
- **Week of June 9th :: Debrief Serve Day & Appreciation**
- **July-August:: Follow up Projects**