

Students Making a Difference in the World for Christ

2009-2010 State Panelists

Are you a leader in your youth group or Acteens group? Do you get excited about being on mission and making a difference for Christ in the world? Do you have great ideas and want a place to share them?

Then maybe we're looking for you!

Each year, students from across the state apply to be Virginia State Panelists. Panelists help plan and lead Weekender, and also are given other leadership opportunities throughout the year.

Young women between the ages of 15-18 are eligible. You can print off an application [here](#).

Applications and three reference forms are due to the WMUV office by **June 1, 2009**.

*Adults: Do you know a student who would be a great Panelist? You have a wonderful opportunity to point out gifts you see in her and be an encouragement in her faith journey. Let her know that you see leadership potential and encourage her to apply!

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Panelists leading worship at Weekender

U-Turn Recap

Weekender 2009 brought teenage girls and their leaders from across the state together for a time of worship, Bible study, and fellowship. With the theme of "U-turn," students focused on the issue of modern-day slavery in the world. Through the mission offering, around \$1200 was collected for [International Justice Mission](#). Items were also collected for [Northfield Foundation](#) in Cumberland County. Thanks to all who made Weekender '09 a success!

**You can help us build our network for Student Missions!
Forward this newsletter to those who may be interested -
MS/HS students, parents of students, youth pastors, pastors, church leaders, etc.**

"Everything
depends on
how we love
one another."

-Mother Teresa

Updraft - Summer 2009

Several student teams from across the state are preparing for hands-on mission experiences for this summer.

Several students from Aaron's Creek Baptist will be participating in the 100+ member intergenerational trip to [Standing Rock Sioux Reservation](#) in the Dakotas. These girls also participated in Updraft Norfolk last summer.

A group from Massaponax Baptist will be going to [Collide](#) (sponsored by National WMU) in Savannah, GA in July. If you are interested in taking a team from your church, registration is still open through May 25!

At least two teams will be on mission in inner-city Roanoke this summer, working with the [Baptist Mission Centers](#). These centers provide a food pantry, children's ministry, and more to their communities. **Dates are still available if your group would like to be part of Updraft Roanoke!**

[Updraft](#) is a WMUV-sponsored opportunity for students (ages 12-18) to get involved in the mission of God in the world. Contact WMUV for more information or to design an experience for your group!

Be part of the Updraft: a powerful movement with big results!