

Carpool, Bike, & Walk to Church Sunday: on the way together

October 12, 2008

Bike to church! Walk to church! Carpool, unicycle, skateboard (or tricycle) to church! On October 12, you are invited (and encouraged!) to connect with others from your congregation and decide together whether you'll use 4, 3, 2, 1, or no wheels to get to church. As members of the Body of Christ, this is one way to witness to the healing and hope of Jesus Christ, and not comply with the frenzied, isolated, and consumptive patterns of the world.

Of course, this is not a new idea. For some, using alternative means to get to church is old hat — and for that, our hats are off to you! You're our role models here! But, for many, the idea of walking, biking, or even carpooling to church is new, so here are some reasons to try it out on October 12:

- **Care for Creation:** noticing and reducing our consumption is one way to exercise good stewardship and live at peace with others
- **Change things up:** altering the routine can provide new perspectives on the ordinary. Maybe you'll notice God around you in a new way!
- **Help youth from the global south get to Mennonite World Conference:** AMIGOS, the global network of Anabaptist young adults, is raising a final \$30,000 to provide assistance to youth from the global south to participate in the 2009 Mennonite World Conference Global Youth Summit in Paraguay as delegates of their church conferences. While the cost for one youth delegate to travel to and attend the summit is approximately \$2,500, together, by sharing resources, the church can help make this happen.

So: find someone who lives along your route to church, and decide how many wheels you'll use to get to church together on October 12. Try it once, and maybe you'll decide to continue for the whole month of October, or for the rest of the year...

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For more information, visit: <http://americas.bikemovement.org/together/>

Calculate Your Savings!

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| miles ÷ | miles per gallon of gas | =(1) | gallons of gas |
| box (1) × | price of gas (approx.) | =(2) | savings / trip |
| box (2) × | weeks / month | =(3) | monthly savings |
| box (3) × | months / year | =(4) | annual savings |

Gas Prices around the world (per gallon)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gasoline_usage_and_pricing

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| Sierra Leone (Africa) | \$18.43 |
| Italy (Europe) | \$8.78 |
| Guatemala (Central America) | \$7.38 |
| Uruguay (South America) | \$6.06 |
| Australia (Oceania) | \$5.19 |
| India (Asia) | \$5.15 |
| USA (North America) | \$3.69 |

Cost for one youth delegate to attend
MWC Global Youth Summit in Paraguay:
approximately \$2,500

please detach and include with your donation

Financial contributions will enable youth of the global south to attend the Mennonite World Conference Global Youth Summit in Paraguay 2009.

Make checks payable to:

Virginia Mennonite Conference
Attn: 'on the way, together'
901 Parkwood Drive
Harrisonburg VA 22802

VMC will send all contributions to the Mennonite World Conference AMIGOS fund

Name: _____
Yes! I would like to donate:
Amount: _____
 my one-time gas savings of _____
 my monthly gas savings of _____
 my annual gas savings of _____
 \$150: GYS registration for 5 youth
 \$250+: contribution toward airfare
 other

Thank you for your support!