

APPLICATION FOR PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE

(Separate applications if spouses are attending together)

LAST NAME _____ DATE OF PILGRIMAGE DESIRED _____

NAME CALLED BY _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY-STATE-ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

OCCUPATION _____ BIRTHDAY _____

MARITAL STATUS _____ IF MARRIED, IS SPOUSE ATTENDING? _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

PLEASE NOTE: SPOUSES WILL ROOM SEPARATELY.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A CHRISTIAN CHURCH? _____

IF SO, WHICH CHURCH? _____

PASTOR'S NAME _____

WHY DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO PILGRIMAGE AT THIS TIME?

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT PILGRIMAGE? _____

SPONSOR'S NAME (optional) _____

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS _____

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT (allergies, diet, physical limitation, snoring) PLEASE EXPLAIN:

HOBBIES/INTERESTS _____

Pilgrimage is a grace-filled and fully occupied three days. It is intended to renew the faith of individuals who seek to grow in their faith and commitment. It is designed to guide participants into an even closer personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and to heighten their joy, deepen their faith and invigorate their life in Christ. It is not designed to address emotional problems. If you have any questions concerning the advisability of your attending at this time, please contact the Registrar, your pastor or your sponsor.

Cost: The total cost for the weekend includes lodging and meals. You will not need additional money for the weekend. The registration fee of **\$150.00** should be sent with the application. You will be asked to pay the remaining balance approximately 30 days before the weekend. Please make checks payable to: **Houston Presbyterian Pilgrimage.**

Sponsors: A sponsor is someone who has already been to a Pilgrimage/Cursillo weekend and will be able to answer questions, share their own experiences, help with logistical problems and generally support you in your **Pilgrimage.**

Scholarship Needs: Please feel free to contact the registrar for further information.

Information regarding dates, costs and locations of specific Pilgrimage weekends may be found on the insert of this brochure.

This information is also available online at www.houstonpilgrimage.org.

HOUSTON PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE

**A Pilgrimage Is
Three Days Long
But It Lasts A
Lifetime**



**Calling Christians to a
deliberate and joyous
living of their faith**



What Is Presbyterian Pilgrimage?

Presbyterian Pilgrimage is a purposefully designed method for renewing the faith of individuals and, through the individuals, the environments in which they live and work.

Pilgrimage originated as the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement which began in Spain in the 1940's moved to America in the 1950's. In addition to the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian Cursillo and Pilgrimage movements, there are similar expressions in the Methodist, Reformed, Episcopal, Lutheran and other Christian churches. These expressions are known by many names (Pilgrimage, Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Great Banquet, and others) and all are designed to provide a framework for the development and renewal of Christians in the local church and in the world.



Today, millions of Christians in some fifty nations have attended a *Pilgrimage* or similar weekend.

How Does Presbyterian Pilgrimage Accomplish Its Aims?

During the three days of a *Pilgrimage* weekend, participants form a small Christian community, worship and study together and communicate with one another in order to gain a personal, living awareness of their faith and the joys and responsibilities such a faith brings. The weekend is centered around talks given by lay people and clergy. After each talk the participants, in small groups, discuss the presentation. The weekend also involves worship and memorable music.

Who Goes To Presbyterian Pilgrimage?



Pilgrimage is not designed to convert from unbelief to belief. It is intended for followers of Jesus Christ who seek continued growth in their faith and commitment. *Pilgrimage's* goal is to guide participants into an even closer and more personal relationship with Christ, and to heighten their joy, deepen their faith and invigorate their life in Christ. *Pilgrimage* intends to return participants to all the environments in which they have influence and, through them, to affect those environments in a Christian manner. Both single and married persons are welcome. Married couples are encouraged to attend together, if possible. The staff is composed of clergy and lay persons who have previously attended a weekend and have been trained to serve in this leadership role.



How Can I Attend A Presbyterian Pilgrimage?

Fill out the application on the reverse side and send it to the registrar, or fill out an application on the Internet (see reverse side). Anyone who has previously attended may serve as a sponsor and provide you with details. After applying, you will be notified prior to the *Pilgrimage* you are scheduled to attend.

How Much Does It Cost?

Costs for the weekend are primarily the charges for lodging, meals and use of the retreat center. Since the staff pay their own expenses, and since much of the material used during the weekend is contributed by others, costs are kept to a minimum. In order that no one be prohibited because of expense, a scholarship may be available.



What Happens After Pilgrimage?

The weekend is only a beginning. What you learn and share during the weekend is intended to be taken and put into practice in your local congregations and communities. You will be supported by many others who have attended a *Pilgrimage*. You will have the opportunity to meet weekly in small groups to reinforce one another and to share the Christian life. Larger groups meet several times a year to share the joy and fellowship of our faith. The objective of *Pilgrimage* is to inspire, challenge and equip each local church member for Christian action in the church, home, place of work and community.



In Summary

Seek God's guidance in making your decision. Many of those who have attended wondered whether they should go. Now that they have attended, they want to share this wonderful gift from God with you. One measure of *Pilgrimage's* impact is the large number of participants who want to return to serve on staff at a subsequent weekend. Consider attending a weekend that will truly enrich your faith and life.

