

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.

WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY? _____
PASTOR'S NAME _____
WHY DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO PILGRIMAGE AT THIS TIME?

WHO ENCOURAGED YOU OR INFLUENCED YOU TO COME TO PILGRIMAGE? _____

SPONSOR'S NAME (may be the same as above) _____

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS _____

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (allergies, diet, snoring, medical and/or physical limitations)

PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

HOBBIES/INTERESTS _____

Pilgrimage is a grace-filled and fully occupied three days. It is intended to encourage Christians, to help them grow in their lives of faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. 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 **\$50.00** 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. (All information will be kept confidential).

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.

What Happens At A Pilgrimage?

The weekend includes conversation, song, laughter, fellowship, worship, communion, devotion, small group participation and reflection. A Pilgrimage lasts three days. It includes five talks per day that revolve around four major themes:

Liberation: unmasking obstacles to living a life of grace and being set free to live a new life in Christ

Christ: encountering Christ, the living Lord

Christian Life: giving strength and resilience to Christians who are then challenged to shape their world after the Kingdom of God

Perseverance: reinforcing the first three themes of Liberation, Christ and Christian Life to faithfully seek to transform their worlds for Christ.

Who Goes To A Pilgrimage?

Pilgrimage is a weekend designed for members of the Presbyterian Church or any other denomination committed to Christ and His church. It is not designed to convert from unbelief to belief. It is not advised for those in the middle of a major life crisis.

The goal of a Pilgrimage is to encourage Christians, to help them grow in their lives of faith, and to increase both their awareness of grace and their desire to serve Christ in His church and the world. A staff of lay people and clergy who have previously attended a Pilgrimage, Cursillo or similar event also attend the weekend.

A Pilgrimage is designed to enrich relationships, whether single or married. Married couples are encouraged to attend together. However, if this is not possible, the spouse who can attend is encouraged to do so.

How Can I Attend A Pilgrimage?

Apply online at www.houstonpilgrimage.org or the application on the reverse side may be sent to the registrar. Anyone who has previously attended may serve as a sponsor and can provide you with more 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 the materials used are donated, costs are kept to a minimum. In order that no one be prohibited because of expense, a scholarship may be available. If this would be helpful to you, please discuss a scholarship with the registrar.

What Will Be Expected of Me?

At Pilgrimage you will have an opportunity to be free from the distractions of the world, and to reflect on your own faith and relationship with God. Participants are not asked or expected to give speeches, memorize material or do anything that will make them uncomfortable.

Pilgrimage is an alcohol-free weekend and we ask that you honor the spirit and intent of the weekend by refraining from the use of cell phones and computers.

What Happens After A Pilgrimage?

The weekend is only the 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 a Pilgrimage is to inspire, challenge, and equip each participant for Christian action in their church, home, place of work and community.

In Summary

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