The Episcopal Church in Delaware

SEEKING: COMMITTED LEADERS FOR RACIAL HEALING

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Ecumenical Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Montgomery and Selma, AL

Organized by the Episcopal Church in Delaware & New Castle Presbytery

September 22-26, 2024

WHO: Designed for people who:

- **have a pre-existing commitment to racial justice work,**
- **wish to engage in an in-person journey together, and**
- **will continue acting on what we have experienced upon return**.
- **Space is limited; we can accommodate 30 travelers.**

WHY: Our goal is to raise up change agents for racial healing, reconciliation, and justice work in church and community.

Listening to those who came before us is essential to our commitment to the path ahead. Montgomery and Selma, Alabama are heavy with history and rich in opportunities to understand more about the racial justice that continues to plague our society.

Visiting historical sites, memorials, museums, and landmarks while sharing honest conversations about personal and community experiences, generational trauma, and beliefs, we hope to further equip people for the work of becoming the Beloved Community Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King envisioned.

WHERE/WHEN: The pilgrimage begins with a shared evening meal at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 22nd in Montgomery and ends after a morning session on Thursday, September 26th.

WHAT: Participants commit to being present for the full experience, including:

- Four nights at the Embassy Suites hotel in Montgomery, Alabama
- All meals from Sunday dinner through Thursday breakfast
- All bus travel in Montgomery and Selma
- All museum fees, including the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum
- Tours with local historians in Montgomery and Selma
- Time for sharing, listening, questioning, and reflecting.
- Trained facilitators and materials
- Pre-and post-trip gatherings and assessments

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The cost for each participant is $1,250 plus individual travel costs to/from Montgomery.

*Some need-based scholarships are available upon request.

FACILITATORS:

Our four experienced facilitators are led by **Lori Yadin** of the Center for Courage and Renewal, who brings her deep wisdom and years of experience to this work of compassion, honesty, and the seeking of justice and healing.

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I AM INTERESTED, NOW WHAT?

1. **COMPLETE ATTACHED APPLICATION BY May 31st.**
   Please email applications to the attention of Dr. Sheridan Quarless Kingsberry**:**
   sheridankingsberry@gmail.com

2. **KEY DATES:**

May 31	Application submission deadline
June 15	Notification of chosen applicants for participation
July 15	Registration form and $625 deposit deadline
August 15	Final payment due of $625
August 22**	Cancellation deadline

****Please note:** If you are unable to attend due to a documented emergency, all payments toward the pilgrimage, with exception of $100, will be returned to you up until August 22, 2024 (one month before the pilgrimage). No refunds will be provided after August 22nd due to contracts already signed by the Episcopal Church in Delaware.

3. **LOGISTICS/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS/MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

   For those traveling by air – there is a regional airport in Montgomery. Another option is to fly into Atlanta and rent a car – it is a 2-hour drive from Atlanta to Montgomery. If you are driving, the hotel does have a parking lot (there is a daily parking fee that is not included in the trip cost).

   The venue is unable to accommodate vegans and full meal payment is required for each guest whether the participant can eat the food provided. Accordingly, the trip cost remains the same for all, regardless of dietary restrictions.

   This trip requires the ability to sit in a bus for several hours of driving/touring around Montgomery and Selma and the ability to walk unaided for up to 1 mile at a setting.

4. **QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**

   Sheridan Quarless Kingsberry (sqkingsberry1@verizon.net) or
   Shannon Hanson (shansondelaware@gmail.com)

DUE May 31, 2024

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Send Completed Two-Page Application to

Dr. Sheridan Quarless Kingsberry at sheridankingsberry@gmail.com

Last name **First name**

Address:
Street

City/State/Zip

Mobile Phone #

E-Mail Address

***Gender (check one)** **Male** ☐ **Female** ☐ **Other** ☐

***Do you identify as LGBTQ?** **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

***Race/ethnicity (please check only one)**

- ☐ **European American**
- ☐ **African American**
- ☐ **Asian American**
- ☐ **Native American/Pacific Islander**
- ☐ **Other: Please describe**

***Church affiliation (choose only one):**

Presbyterian
Name of Church

Episcopalian
Name of Parish

***Other: Please describe (church and/or community affiliation)**

***This demographic information is sought merely for the purpose of understanding the lived history and sensitivities of prospective participants and to enhance a diversity of experiences and perspectives among those journeying together.**

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We are delighted that you are interested in this pilgrimage and want to learn a bit more about you, your personal journey, thus far, and your awareness of racial injustice in your community and society.

1. **In no more than 100 words, briefly describe why you wish to participate in this Ecumenical Civil Rights Pilgrimage. Please share any experiences that awakened you to racism and racial injustice in your family, church and/or community that motivated you to learn more about the Civil Rights Movement.**

2. **Have you been involved in any kind of racial justice programs or activities (book studies & discussions, lectures, classes, movies, etc.) that helped you to better understand historical racial justice in society? If so, please describe.**

3. **In what ways did the books/discussions, programs, lectures, classes, movies, etc. mentioned above help you to realize the depth and extent of historical racial injustice in society? Please share specific experiences when possible.**

4. **How might going on this Ecumenical Civil Rights Pilgrimage better prepare you to make a difference in your church and community to foster racial justice, healing and reconciliation?**

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