

Civil Rights Trip – October 18-25

This coming October 18-25, Plymouth Church members will have the opportunity to go on a Civil Rights Trip in Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Participants will travel to multiple sites that were key to the civil rights movement and the people who fought so hard for equity and justice. Mark and Leslie Swiggum will lead the trip, something they have done multiple times in the past—with rave reviews from those who have joined them, a number of whom are Plymouth members.

Sites on the trip include the 16th Street Baptist Church, the Civil Rights Memorial, the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the Equal Justice Museum, the Lorraine Motel, and many others. This will be more than an informational trip. There will be time for conversations with civil rights veterans and deep reflection on what all of this means for us now. We will build relationships and expand our vision of both our history and our future.

It is important to know that this is a busy itinerary without much downtime. Expect most days to be on the go 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The trip requires that you be able to walk up to two miles and on a number of days there will be a good bit of walking and a good bit of standing. Several places do not have elevators.

Costs are \$2000 per person for a double room and \$2500 for a single room and include airfare, hotel accommodations, van transport, and most of the meals. If you are interested, contact Lani Bennett (Lanibennett808@gmail.com). The trip is limited to 15 people and Plymouth Church members will be given priority.

While the civil rights era of the 1950s and 60s seems long ago, its lessons hold true for today. This trip is an opportunity to experience those lessons firsthand as we strive to create a more just and loving world.