

NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage Guest Application

Name: _____ Name you go by: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Gender: Male Female

Church Name: _____ Denomination: _____

Church Address: _____

Pastor Name: _____

Are you married? Yes No Has your spouse attended a Pilgrimage? Yes No

If yes, when?: _____

Why do you want to attend a Pilgrimage? _____

If you have any medical needs that the retreat leaders should know about, please describe:

Allergies: _____ Dietary: _____

Medications: _____

Physical needs: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Alternate Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Pilgrimage: _____ Leader's Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: Full Fee (\$160) includes costs of 3 nights lodging, 8 meals, and all supplies.
 Deposit (\$80) -- Balance (\$80) is due when you arrive at Camp on Thursday.

If you are unable to pay the fee, you may have your sponsor contact the Registrar about arranging for a partial or full scholarship. It is the intent of NCPP that no one should be turned away for inability to pay the fee. However, NCPP makes every effort to keep costs of the Weekends very low so that this experience is affordable for as many as possible.

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Presbyterian Pilgrimage

What is a Pilgrimage?

The Pilgrimage is a short course in Christianity which is designed to provide all Christians with a significant foundation for individual and community spiritual growth. Grace and growth are combined in an energetic way.

At the Pilgrimage the participants become increasingly aware that they are a part of a community abounding in God's grace. The three days are a triple encounter with Christ, with Christian brothers and sisters, and with a Christian community

History of Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage originated as the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement which began in Spain in 1949. The first weekend in the US was held in Waco in 1957 by Spanish military personnel training in Texas. In addition to the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian movements, there are expressions in the Methodist, Reformed, Episcopal, Lutheran, and other Christian churches. Today, more than 10 million Christians in 50 nations have attended a "Cursillo" weekend.

Format of the Weekend

The weekend is an experience in Christian sharing and living. During the 72 hours, fifteen talks will be presented. Five talks are given by pastors and ten by lay people. The weekend also includes chapel each morning, communion, small group discussions, sharing, music, singing, laughter and prayer.

The 15 talks are discussed by the participants and will include a Christian perspective on the following subjects:

- Ideals
- Grace
- Lay People in the Church

Importance of Study
A Day in the Life of a Christian
Apostolic Action
Obstacles to a life in Grace
Christian Actions in the
Community

Each talk deals with living one's life in God's grace.

Who Goes to a Pilgrimage?

A Pilgrimage is not designed to convert anyone to Christianity. It is meant for those who are already faithful and committed to Christ and His church. Once again, the goal is to encourage Christians in their lives of faith and increase their awareness of grace and service to the world.

During a Pilgrimage weekend, those who are present and have attended a previous weekend are called "the team." It is their responsibility to serve you in every way. Just in case you are wondering, they attend at their own expense in order to serve you.

When/Where is the Pilgrimage Held?

Weekends are held at various facilities throughout the Greensboro-Fayetteville-Charlotte areas of North Carolina. The sites are chosen to provide the easiest possible access to participants at a reasonable cost. There are Pilgrimages offered in Feb, Mar, April, May, Sept, Oct and Nov. You may see the current schedule at www.ncpp.net.

How Can I Attend Pilgrimage?

If you would like to attend a Pilgrimage, please contact someone who has previously attended. We suggest that you also speak to your pastor since a pastor must sign the application when you decide to attend. If you do not know anyone who has attended, we will be happy to provide you with additional

information or answer any questions that you may have.

What Happens After the Weekend?

The weekend is only the beginning. What you learn and share during the weekend will hopefully be taken back and put into practice in your local congregation and community. You will be supported by many others who have attended before and those who attended with you. Small groups meet regularly (usually weekly) to affirm one another and to share the Christian life of grace. These activities inspire, challenge and encourage Christian action in homes, churches and communities.

How Much Does a Weekend Cost?

Fees are kept to a minimum to cover the cost of 3 days lodging, 8 meals and supplies. We do not want the lack of funds to keep anyone from attending; so, partial or full scholarships are available. At this writing, the fee is \$160/person.

May I go with a Spouse or a Friend?

Yes, it is strongly recommended that spouses and friends attend a first Pilgrimage weekend together. Marriages and friendships can be strengthened and deepened by the experience.

In Summary. Not everyone who attends a Pilgrimage weekend will receive the same benefit; but all who attend will be blessed, and most will be strengthened in their desire to be a blessing in their churches and Christian communities.