

What is Pilgrimage?

Presbyterian Pilgrimage is a three-day weekend spiritual renewal event designed to foster and support an individual's long term commitment to living the Christian life. Led by lay members and clergy of the Presbyterian Church, its purpose is to inspire, challenge and equip church members for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities. In a thought-provoking, relaxing and fun-filled environment, participants enjoy fellowship with other Christians and leave with a desire to serve productively and live **boldly** for Christ.

What happens at a Pilgrimage?

The weekend includes conversations, song, laughter, fellowship and time set aside for worship, communion, devotional time, small group participation and reflection. The weekend is organized around a series of 15 talks (five per day) that seek to develop 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 (Liberation, Christ and Christian Life) to faithfully seek to transform their worlds for Christ.

Who may attend?

The weekend is designed for members of the Presbyterian Church or any other denomination committed to Christ and His church who seek growth in their faith and a closer relationship with Christ. A Pilgrimage is not designed to convert anyone to Christianity. The goal 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 Cursillo, Pilgrimage or similar event also attend the weekend.

Pilgrimage is co-ed. Although not required, if you are married, you are encouraged to attend with your spouse.

How do I attend a Pilgrimage?

Fill out this application and send it to the registrar (listed on the reverse side of this brochure). You will also need a sponsor for the weekend. If you know someone who has attended a weekend, you can ask that person to be your sponsor. If you don't know anyone, we will be happy to appoint a sponsor for you. Your sponsor will guide you through the process and answer your questions to insure that you are prepared to relax and enjoy your weekend. We also suggest that you talk with your pastor, as he or she must sign your application when you decide to attend. Space is limited each weekend. Soon after the registrar receives your application, you will be contacted and informed of your status.

What will be expected of me at Pilgrimage?

At Pilgrimage, you will have an opportunity to listen and learn, to relax 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 answer questions. No one will test or challenge your knowledge or beliefs.

What happens after the weekend?

The weekend is only the beginning. What you learn and share during this time will hopefully be taken back and put into practice in your congregation and community. Participants are highly encouraged to join a small group (renewal group) after the weekend. These groups meet regularly to reinforce one another and hold each other accountable to uphold the purposes of Pilgrimage. Larger groups meet several times a year for fellowship and encouragement.

What do others say?

For more information and to find out what others have to say, see contact information (listed on the reverse side of this brochure) or go to

www.austincursillo.org

How much does it cost?

Costs for the weekend are primarily the charges for lodging, meals, and the use of the retreat center. The current charge is \$175.00 per participant. You will not need additional money for the weekend. Full or partial scholarships are also available. Please check the box on the application and someone will contact you. Your request will be kept strictly confidential. Please do not let cost be an obstacle.

Cancellation prior to 30 days of weekend can be refunded or applied to next Pilgrimage weekend. Less than 30 days will result in a deposit forfeit.

Application for Austin Presbyterian Pilgrimage
(Couples who are attending together must fill out separate applications)

Last Name _____ Date of Pilgrimage Desired _____

Name Called By _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Preferred Phone Number _____ Spouse's Phone Number _____

Marital Status _____ If married, is spouse attending? (see reverse) _____

Occupation _____ Spouse's Occupation _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____

Church Membership _____ Pastor's Name _____

Pastor's Signature _____ Pastor's Email _____

Who do you know who has attended Cursillo or Pilgrimage?

Name(s) _____

Church(es) _____

Special Requirements (allergy, diet, physical limitations), please explain: _____

Children (names and ages) _____

Hobbies / Activities / Interests _____

Emergency Contact (name and number) _____

Currently Scheduled Austin Presbyterian Pilgrimage Weekends:
APP #30, September 23 (5:00 p.m.) -26 (5:00 p.m.), 2010, Camp Buckner, Marble Falls
APP #31 February 17 (5:00 p.m.) -20 (5:00 p.m.), 2011, Camp Buckner, Marble Falls

Registration: Please complete and return this form with a \$50 registration fee (remaining balance of the total \$175.00 per person may be paid anytime prior to the weekend or when you arrive). Checks should be made payable to "Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church" with the memo for "Pilgrimage". Applications cannot be processed until your deposit is received.

Mail deposit and application to: Brenda and Chris Grafft, 10802 River Terrace Circle, Austin, TX 78733
(home 512-263-8670, Brenda cell 512-797-6008, or Chris cell 512-797-0230) or
AustinPresbyterian@gmail.com Add this to your email address book so we may contact you.

Please contact me regarding scholarship assistance.

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