



## Confirmation 2011-2012

### The Pilgrimage, Washington DC

### January 27-29, 2012

The Confirmation Class Washington DC Pilgrimage has been a key experience for many confirmands in past years. The mission of The Pilgrimage is to help young people connect their faith with social awareness and action. Our weekend will include hands-on service, learning, reflection and worship. This is always a meaningful weekend and we hope that all confirmands will commit to participate in The Pilgrimage.

**Location:** The Pilgrimage  
Church of the Pilgrims  
2201 P Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20037

**Emergency Telephone Numbers:** Church (at night) 202.387.9626  
Jake Van Wyk 336.580.4139  
Lucy Jefferies 336.209.6493

#### What to Bring:

- Sleeping bag & pillow
- 1 suitcase per person with:
  - Personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.)
  - Towel, washcloth
  - Warm, comfortable casual clothes (Sat. morning service project may involve work outside)
  - Change of clothes for Saturday afternoon (in case you get dirty Sat. morning)
  - Nice clothes for worship (no jeans—khakis or dress pants; guys—collared shirts)
  - WARM coat, hat, gloves and scarf (DC can be very cold and windy)
  - Bible and journal
  - Water bottle
  - Plastic bag for dirty clothes
  - Camera (optional)
- Extra money for 3 fast food meals (Saturday lunch, Sunday lunch and dinner) and snacks on the road (\$25-30)
- Bag meal and drink for dinner on Friday (to be eaten on bus)
- *No cell phones or personal electronics, leaders' phones are available to call parents*

**Cost:** \$130 (plus extra money as noted above) includes transportation, Pilgrimage program fees, lodging, breakfast Sat. & Sun., dinner on Sat., snacks at the church, long sleeve t-shirt, and items for bag meals for the homeless  
*Confidential scholarships are available. Please contact Lucy Jefferies at 336.299.3785, ext. 138*

#### Items needed for Bread for the Journey:

We are collecting additional items to distribute in the DC parks to the homeless. Most needed are blankets, coats, sweaters, long underwear, hats, shoes/boots and travel size personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc.) Clean, used clothing is appropriate, as is new clothing. Adult sizes only, especially size large and bigger. Belts, wallets, and tote bags are also needed. Please bring any items you collect and/or donate with you on the day of departure.

**IMPORTANT:** *All youth MUST HAVE a completed 2011-2012 Westminster Youth Registration Form on file with the church, the Pilgrimage Release Form, and the Trip Covenant submitted to Alice Blalock prior to departure from the church on Friday.*

Trip Schedule on reverse

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### January Schedule

#### Friday, January 27, 2012

4:00 PM

**Meet at Westminster Friendly Avenue parking lot**

(Departure as soon as possible—bring bag meal for dinner on the road)

~11:00PM

**Arrival, Orientation, Short Devotion**

#### Saturday, January 28, 2012

9:00AM – 12:00Noon

**Community Service Projects** (projects subject to change upon arrival, divide into work groups as needed); possible service agencies:

- Christian Community Group Homes
- Capital Area Food Bank

12:00Noon – 1:00PM

**Return to Church and eat lunch in route**

Pack sack meals to distribute to homeless in area parks

1:30PM -3:30 PM

**Bread for the Journey**

Travel to area parks to give meals to the homeless and to distribute collected clothing and personal items

4:00PM – 6:00PM

**National Coalition for the Homeless**

Speaker panel of former and current homeless individuals share their stories. Time for interaction and questions.

6:15PM - 6:45PM

**Dinner at the Pilgrimage**

David Harris will join us

7:00PM – 9:00PM

**Poetry Workshop by David Harris**

Explore the weekend through reflective writing. A time for reflection and sharing and talking about homelessness.

9:30PM – 9:45PM

**Devotion**

9:45PM – 10:45PM

**Free time**

11:00PM

**Lights Out**

#### Sunday, January 29, 2012

8:00AM – 10:00AM

**Clean the Pilgrimage facility and pack for home**

For worship, no jeans or t-shirts (if you want to change clothes for the ride home following worship, please put items in a backpack and load on the vehicle you are traveling in—there will be NO access to luggage once loaded. Do NOT pack money in luggage.)

10:30AM

**Depart for worship**

12:30PM

**Begin return trip, stop for lunch outside DC area**

~8:00PM

**Arrive back at Westminster** (parents will be contacted if we anticipate being more than 30 minutes early or late)

We will decide in route (depending on traffic) if we will stop for dinner or just a snack at a gas station.

## Pilgrimage Medical & Emergency Release Form

Pilgrimage Group Leaders should make copies of this form and have each participant bring his/her signed form to the Pilgrimage. Individuals will not be able to participate in Pilgrimage programs without a signed release form. We will keep each form on file.

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Each Pilgrimage participant must read and sign the following:

In consideration of the acceptance of my registration, for myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees do hereby forever release and discharge The Pilgrimage, of Church of the Pilgrims (PCUSA), and all other affiliates, sponsors, and subsidiaries of all claims and damages, demand and actions whatsoever in any manner arising out of my participation in The Pilgrimage programs.

I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, and I am physically fit to participate in Pilgrimage programs. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing pictures, recordings, and any other record of this event for legitimate purposes (i.e. Pilgrimage web site) without compensation or remuneration.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian (if participant is under the age of 18):

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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