

MICHIGAN PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE GUEST APPLICATION

Name: _____ Name for Name Tag: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Gender: Male Female Email: _____

Church Name: _____ Church Denomination: _____

Pastor Name: _____

Church Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

If you are married, has your spouse attended a Pilgrimage? Yes No

If yes, when? _____

Your occupation: _____

Why do you want to attend a Pilgrimage? _____

Do you have any medical needs the retreat leaders should know about? (select one) Yes No

Allergies: _____ Medications: _____

Dietary: _____ Special Needs: _____

Do you snore? Yes No Heavy? Yes No (Please be painfully honest for the sake of other guests.)

Primary Emergency Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Alternate Emergency Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

Sponsor's City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Pilgrimage Applied For: April 30 – May 3, 2009

Rector's Name: Loie Matthews Weekend #: 9

Amount Enclosed: Please make check payable to Michigan Presbyterian Pilgrimage.

\$150 – **FULL FEE** Covers all costs of the weekend, including 3 nights lodging, all meals and supplies.

\$75 – **DEPOSIT** I understand that the balance of \$75 is due upon arrival at camp.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED – Limited assistance is available and will be awarded on an as-needed basis.

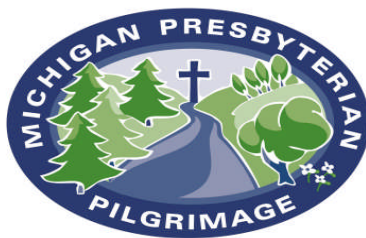
I am able to pay \$ _____ toward the cost of the weekend and will need partial support.

I am requesting full financial assistance for the weekend.

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to: Your Sponsor

Information: George & Gayle Davidson, 616-656-2782 or detgcd@gmail.com



WHAT IS PILGRIMAGE?

A Pilgrimage weekend provides a three day opportunity to study Christian living. It is designed to provide all Christians with a *renewed* foundation for individual and community spiritual growth. Grace and growth are combined in an energetic way.

HISTORY OF PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage originated as the Roman Catholic “Cursillo” movement in Spain in 1948 and moved to America in the late 50’s. In addition to the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian movements, there are similar weekends in the Methodist, Reformed, Episcopal, Lutheran and other Christian churches. More than 2 million Christians in 50 nations have attended a Cursillo weekend. The first Pilgrimage in Michigan was held in April, 2005 with participants representing 10 different denominations.

FORMAT OF THE WEEKEND

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

The fourteen talks provide a Christian perspective on the following subjects:

- Ideals/Priorities
- Grace
- Lay People in the Church
- Importance of Study
- Christian Living

- Obstacles to a Life Grace
- Leadership
- Christian Action

Each of the talks deals with living one’s life in God’s grace and is followed by small group discussion.

WHO GOES TO A PILGRIMAGE?

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

WHEN IS THE PILGRIMAGE HELD?

The ninth Michigan weekend will be held April 30 – May 3, 2009 at Camp Henry near Newaygo.

HOW CAN I ATTEND PILGRIMAGE?

If you would like to attend the next Pilgrimage weekend, call Gayle or George Davidson at 616.656.2782. They will answer your questions and put you in touch with someone in your area that has attended a weekend.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE WEEKEND?

The weekend is only a 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 or will attend with you. Small groups are offered 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 THE WEEKEND COST?

Costs are kept to a minimum to cover the cost of lodging, meals and supplies. Since we do not want the lack of funds to keep any person from attending, limited financial assistance is available. Weekend costs are \$150.00 per person.

MAY I GO WITH A SPOUSE OR FRIEND?

Yes. Marriages and friendships can be strengthened and deepened by the common experience. *Please note: if attending as a couple, you will be sleeping in separate rooms.*

WHY SHOULD CHRISTIANS ATTEND A PILGRIMAGE?

The least that can happen is that you will get away from your routine for a few days. You will be in the woods. You’ll meet nice people – have fun – and enjoy good food without having to cook. That’s the LEAST that can happen.

The MOST that can happen is that it can change the horizons of your Christian walk. It could help you see your life journey differently and maybe even see yourself differently. Just maybe it will come at a time when *renewal* can help you.

God will be present...”For when two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Mt 18:20) Pilgrimage is a three day *renewal* with God and God’s people.