

Matthew 25 “Five in Five”

Five international mission trips. Five years.

How will *you* participate? Sign up via email or via the 5-in-5 link in the E-Presence!

2019- Cuba

- ◆ Timing: Monday-Monday, April 15-22
(This includes Holy Week and Easter!)
- ◆ Partner: New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
(National Capital Presbytery)



TRIP COMPLETED!

2019-Honduras

- ◆ Timing: July 20-27, 2019
- ◆ Partner: Student Helping Honduras
- ◆ Spots available: **FILLED!**



2020- Argentina/Uruguay

- ◆ Timing: April 17-27, 2020
- ◆ Partner: Dennis Smith- PC(USA) Regional Liaison, South America
- ◆ Spots available: 10-12
- ◆ Estimated cost: \$2,500-3,000 (airfare variable)
- ◆ Questions? Talk to Immanuel contact: Cheryl Lindstrom (cherylindstrom@gmail.com)
- ◆ Type of trip: Primarily “agape trip” (this trip will focus primarily on relationship building and cultural exchange) with some service components along the way
- ◆ Trip goals/tourism description:



Description: In the urban portion of the trip we could focus on the church and human rights (including a testimonial look at the role played by the churches in Argentina and Uruguay's military dictatorships, a visit to the historical memory park at the former ESMA torture center, a look at contemporary issues of human trafficking, and emerging challenges in urban ministry). This would include conversations with our partner churches: the Waldensians, the Evangelical Church of Río de la Plata, the Reformed Churches of Argentina, and the Church of God. Plus a look at a new on-line experiment in theological education that is just starting. And conversations with Methodist colleagues.

For about half the time, we would take the ferry across the river to Uruguay. In addition to visiting Waldensian sights, we would spend time at Centro Emmanuel, an ecumenical retreat center that focuses of creation care spirituality and advocates with and for family farms. Centro Emmanuel is also a working organic farm and dairy, so we can observe cheese making, and maybe assist with chores. We can also visit with the local producer/consumer cooperatives they promote to help strengthen the remaining family farms that have not sold out to agribusiness (especially to cultivate soybeans, mostly for sale to China).

For tourism, we can visit artisan markets in Buenos Aires, and some excellent museums. Tango classes are also an option, or certainly a visit to a local tango show. In Uruguay we can spend a day at Colonia del Sacramento, the colonial town at the ferry port to cross the river to Buenos Aires.

In Buenos Aires we could stay at a Catholic guest house, in Uruguay at Centro Emmanuel. In both countries we'll be able to meet with church leaders, share in worship and spend time with local church and community members.

2021- Haiti

- ◆ Timing: The month will be selected during 2018-2019, based on feedback from all who express interest (so sign up now if you're interested and want to be part of the date selection process!)
- ◆ Partner: Community Coalition for Haiti and Vienna Presbyterian Church
- ◆ Depending on the number of Immanuelites who are interested, this trip may be Immanuel-only OR it may be a joint trip with Vienna Presbyterian
- ◆ Spots available: 8-20 people
- ◆ Estimated cost: \$900 plus airfare
- ◆ Type of trip: service and agape-- This trip will be built around the interests and skills of those who sign up. It could involve leadership development, gardening, medical (individual or small group), construction, music/art, VBS/sports, education, or some combination of these depending on which Immanuelites are able to go.
- ◆ Questions? Talk to Immanuel point person: Cait Boehm (clb5475@gmail.com)



2022- Cuba

- ◆ Timing: spring (most likely April)
- ◆ 18-20 total on the trip
- ◆ Partner: New York Avenue Presbyterian Church (National Capital Presbytery)
- ◆ Partner congregations for past/present Cuba trips from the Presbytery/ area include: Leesburg Presbyterian, Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Church of the Pilgrims Presbyterian Church, St. Johns Episcopal Church, Idlewild Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, Northeastern Presbyterian Church, Director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, PC(USA) Mission Office, Louisville
- ◆ Estimated cost: \$1500-2000—*includes everything (flight, visa, lodging, food, transportation, translator, etc.)*
- ◆ 18-20 participants total (from all churches)
- ◆ Type of trip: "Agape trip" (this trip will focus primarily on relationship building and cultural exchange)
- ◆ Questions? Talk to Immanuel point person: Katie Strednak Singer (kssinger@ipcmclean.org)

