

PrimeTimers 2020

Tucson, Arizona • Prague, Czech Republic • Holy Land: Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem



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PRIMETIMERS

Greetings!

Welcome to PrimeTimers 2020. Global Ministries and the Mission Volunteers Office are pleased to offer three great educational and mission service events to Tucson, Arizona; Prague, Czech Republic; and Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. All three events are designed with less strenuous activities than the traditional UMVIM team. The events will continue to focus on peace and poverty, history and sustainability of resources, and living with and loving those of different cultural backgrounds.

Each event will have an experienced leader who brings knowledge and understanding of the area and topic.

Registration information

Participants will be first notified of receipt of registration. They will later receive a second notification when it is determined that enough registrations are in place for the event to be held. Communication at that point will be with the event leader.

Please note, we have made some changes to this year's PrimeTimer events:

- We have expanded the age range to include young adults, creating a more diverse group.
- We are offering scholarships to new and returning PrimeTimers.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Mission Volunteers Office with any questions or concerns.

We hope to meet you at one of these events.

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Immigration Immersion: Tucson, Arizona

February 9-15, 2020

Immigration at the U.S. southern border has become a human rights issue that can no longer be ignored. With so many reporting voices, it can be difficult to discern the real story and respond to growing concerns. PrimeTimers who participate in this opportunity will learn about migration and the crisis at the border from various perspectives.

Participants will visit several agencies in the surrounding Tucson community working with immigrants in various ways. These visits will include learning more about immigration detention centers, Justice For our Neighbors (JFON) and a conversation with officials at the Puma County Coroner's Office. PrimeTimers will have a chance to visit the courts to take part in a Border Patrol presentation to learn more about the responsibilities of law enforcement officers working at the border and the challenges they face.

In addition, there are several agencies aiding immigrants whose journeys bring them through the desert. As a part of the hands-on experience, participants will visit water stations or, if desired, participate in a walk to put out water for those traveling through the desert. Participants will also see how The United Methodist Church is responding to the crisis in Tucson with visits to the Inn Project and the Inn2America to do some work alongside their staff and volunteers. Finally, this immersion will include a one-day tour to Nogales in Sonora, Mexico (passport required). During this experience we will be looking at the economic and civil sectors of Nogales while we visit migrant shelters and services. A visit to the San Xavier Mission is also planned.

Event Cost: The cost of \$900 per person includes accommodations, meals and a \$50 registration fee paid directly to Global Ministries. It excludes the cost of travel to Tucson, Arizona.

Housing and Meals: Double-occupancy rooms with private bath will be provided at a local hotel. Single rooms are available upon request, and will incur an additional charge. Additional meals and expenses will be at the cost of the participant.

Transportation: Transportation will be available from the airport for individuals flying into Tucson. Participants that choose to fly into Phoenix will be responsible for the cost of their shuttle to Tucson (approximately \$40 – \$60 one way). Expected arrival date is February 9 in the afternoon or evening. Participants can expect the experience to conclude the morning of February 15.

Estimated Physical Demands: Participants should be able to walk short to medium distances, stand for short periods of time (15 to 20 minutes) and get into and out of a regular van or bus. Some stair climbing is expected.

Registration Limits: Minimum of 10 persons Maximum of 15 persons

Closing date: January 10, 2020

Event Leadership:

Ronda Cordill, UMVIM Western Jurisdiction Coordinator
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509-993-6753

In the Footsteps of Jan Hus: Prague, Czech Republic

May 19 – 28, 2020

Is there a relationship between Methodism and the early Bohemian Protestant Reformer, Jan Hus (c.1369 – 6 July, 1415)? Both John and Charles Wesley were heirs to this early Protestant development and so during this educational/cultural/relational experience, you will discover how the Bohemian Reformation impacted Martin Luther, later reformers and those who launched the Methodist movement.

In Prague we will visit several significant sites such as The Church of St. Martin in the Wall where the first Methodist communion service was held in 1920. It will be important to visit Bethlehem Chapel where Hus preached as well as had a residence. The Old Town Hall was the site of one of the most significant events which happened in 1458 when Jiří z Poděbrad was elected as king of Bohemia and established a Hussite (Protestant) kingdom, the first one in Europe. The Hus Memorial in Old Town Square was erected in 1915 on the 500th anniversary of Hus' martyrdom. If possible, a tour will be arranged to the oldest campus of Charles University founded in 1348 where the Czech Protestant movement began.

Tourist attractions such as Prague Castle with St. Vitus Cathedral and Charles Bridge, as well as other sites will be part of the itinerary.

Lectures will be held at First UMC on Ječná Street and, if possible, we will be able to visit the Family Shelter at Horní Počernice as well as other United Methodist churches.

Event Cost: The cost of \$1,700 per person includes housing (double occupancy), meals, transportation, museum and event entry fees as well as UMVIM insurance coverage and registration fee (\$50 paid directly to Global Ministries). Additional cost for single rooms are available on request.

Transportation: Participants are responsible for the cost of their airfare to/from Prague and local transportation to/ from the hotel. The group will meet on Tuesday, May 19 for breakfast and orientation.

Physical Demands: Participants should be able to get on/off trains, trams and buses without assistance, and be prepared to be able to walk at least three kilometers on some days.

Registration Limits: Maximum of 12 persons

Closing date: January 1, 2020

Contact information:

Rev. Mel (Miloslav) Munchinsky, In Mission Together Eurasia Partnership Coordinator, Global Ministries
miloslavmunchinsky@gmail.com
480-266-0468

Experience the Holy Land: Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem

September 8 – 19, 2020

PrimeTimers have an opportunity to participate in a unique experience by combining service projects with visits to holy sites, educational information and meetings with the indigenous Christian community in the land of Jesus. Participants will learn about the history, people and culture of the area, as well as experience firsthand the famous Middle Eastern hospitality. Site visits will include Jerusalem Old City, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Bethlehem and more. There will be an opportunity to meet representatives from the three Abrahamic faith communities as well as United Methodist Advance Projects and partner organizations.

Participants will enrich their faith in the land of the Bible, worship with local Christian congregations and serve with United Methodist-sponsored projects.

Event Cost: The cost of \$3,850 per person includes airfare from Dulles International Airport, near Washington, D.C.; accommodations; daily meals; local transportation; entrance fees; Licensed English Speaking Guide; tips for guide, driver, hotels; honoraria for guest speakers; donations toward work projects; and a \$50 registration fee paid directly to Global Ministries. UMVIM insurance and personal expenses are not included.

Housing and Meals: Housing will be in tourist-class hotels. Cost is based on double-occupancy rooms. There will be an increase in cost of \$800 for single rooms. Three daily meals are included in the total cost. Additional meals and snacks will be at the expense of the participant.

Transportation: Local transport will be by deluxe motor coach.

Estimated Physical Demands: There will be walking with hills and stairs on some days. Participants should be able to get in and out of vehicles and be able to walk on uneven and cobblestone walkways. Work projects will require minimal physical labor..

Registration Limits: Minimum of 20 persons, Maximum of 30 persons

Closing Date: June 1, 2020

Event Leadership:

Janet Lahr Lewis, retired UM Missionary and former Methodist Liaison in Palestine and Israel
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410-340-8756

PLEASE TYPE IN YOUR INFORMATION, PRINT THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE ALONG WITH YOUR DEPOSIT FEE BEFORE THE NOTED DEADLINES. IF APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP, INCLUDE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (BELOW) WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

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An Educational and Mission Service Experience

PrimeTimers offers educational and mission service experiences for individuals ages 18 and up. These exciting 5- to 10-day experiences offer opportunities for educational forums, cross-cultural exposure, faith-filled reflection and greater exposure to the work of The United Methodist Church and the church universal. **In 2020, the Mission Volunteers Office will offer scholarships to new and returning PrimeTimers participants. To qualify, applicants must return the registration and scholarship forms as well as a nonrefundable \$50.00 deposit to PrimeTimers Mission Volunteers before the registration date for their selected trip.**

IMPORTANT:

Registration fee/deposit:

A nonrefundable \$50.00 deposit is required per applicant with this registration form. Do not send full payment at this time. Please make checks payable to: "Global Ministries" and write "PrimeTimers" on the memo line.

Travel:

Flight or other travel commitments should not be made until the applicant has received confirmation from the Event Leader/s that the event will happen as planned. Participants will be notified of the status of the event one to two weeks after the registration deadline.

Cancellation policy:

Participants may cancel their registration up to the registration deadline for an event and receive a full refund if there is a waiting list and another participant is available. The fee will not be returned for cancellations after the registration deadline. In cases of low registration, PrimeTimers reserves the right to cancel an event up to the registration deadline. All deposited monies will be returned under such conditions.

Insurance requirements:

Please note, participants are required to have medical/accident insurance coverage during their participation in a PrimeTimers event and are responsible for providing the insurance policy information to the Event Leader/s. If you do not have insurance coverage, you may want to consider the policies offered by the offices of the Northeast, North Central, Southeast or Western Jurisdictions of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

Please send registration and check to:

Global Ministries

ATTN: PrimeTimers, Mission Volunteers Office

458 Ponce de Leon Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308

2020 Individual Registration

Mail completed form and \$50 registration fee to:
Global Ministries, ATTN: PrimeTimers Mission Volunteers Office
458 Ponce de Leon Ave, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308

Cost per person: _____

Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Street address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Cell: _____

Age Range (check one): 18-25 26-40 41-50 51-65 66+

Profession/Occupation (current or retired): _____ Other skills: _____

Emergency contact name: _____ Place of worship: _____

Local Church/Spiritual Leader: _____

Phone: _____ Denomination/faith: _____ Phone: _____

Accommodations (your choice will be honored when available):

Double occupancy: If so, I will accept an assigned roommate: _____ or _____

Name of roommate requested: _____ Single occupancy: _____

Handicap-accessible room (If available; may be additional cost):

Health and well-being: Please briefly state any special medical or health conditions and/or dietary restrictions, which would limit your full participation in this event:

I understand that this PrimeTimers event is a program of The United Methodist Church—Mission Volunteers and will require from me a flexible, learning attitude, a modest amount of walking and light volunteer work.

Participant's Signature _____ Date: _____

2020 PRIMETIMERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO SELECTED PRIMETIMERS EVENT.

2020 Available Scholarships (check all that apply):

____ First-Time Participant \$300 / U.S. PrimeTimer Event

____ Returning Participant \$200 / U.S. PrimeTimer Event

____ First-Time Participant \$600 / International PrimeTimer Event

____ Returning Participant \$400 / International PrimeTimer Event

If you have previously participated in a PrimeTimers experience, please provide location(s) and year(s):

Describe your reasons for joining PrimeTimers and for requesting this scholarship.

How do you expect to share your experience with your home, work, church and/or school community when you return?

*Scholarship applications are subject to approval by the Mission Volunteers Office.
All forms must be completed and submitted to the Mission Volunteers Office
to be considered.*

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