

# GREAT PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH, HEIGHTEN YOUR JOY, INVIGORATE YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST

[www.gpppilgrimage.org](http://www.gpppilgrimage.org)



## WHAT IS PILGRIMAGE?

Pilgrimage is a journey in Christian community, designed to nurture Christians in their spiritual growth and to provide them with a *renewed* foundation for individual and community living. 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. Pilgrimage is open to all denominations.

## HISTORY OF PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage has its roots in the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement, which began in Spain in 1948 and extended to America in the late 1950's. In addition to Roman Catholic and Presbyterian movements, there are similar weekends in the Methodist, Reformed, Episcopal, Lutheran and other Christian churches. More than two million Christians in 50 nations have already attended a "Cursillo" weekend renewal experience.

## WHEN AND WHERE IS THE PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND HELD?

There are two Pilgrimages each year: one in spring and one in fall. To provide a cost-effective facility and the easiest possible access for the Great Plains region, Calvin Crest Conference and Retreat Center, (near Fremont, Nebraska, about 45 minutes northwest of Omaha), was chosen. It provides a beautiful, peaceful setting for a Christ-filled experience. For an overview of the camp visit [www.calvincrest.org](http://www.calvincrest.org).

## FORMAT OF THE WEEKEND

The three-day weekend is an experience in Christian sharing and living, beginning with arrival at 5:00 p.m. Thursday to conclusion by 5:00 p.m. Sunday. During the 72 hours, you will hear talks presented by lay people and clergy. Each talk provides a perspective on aligning our lives with God's grace. Topics include:

- Priorities
- Grace Given and Received
- Lay People in the Church
- Importance of Study
- Christian Living
- Obstacles to a Life in Grace
- Leadership
- Christian Action

Your days include chapel each morning, communion, small group discussions, great food, music, laughter, and prayer ... a complete Christian fellowship experience!

## MAY I GO WITH A SPOUSE OR FRIEND?

Marriages and friendships can be strengthened and deepened by sharing a common experience. Attending with those you care most about is encouraged.

## HOW MUCH DOES THE WEEKEND COST?

Conscientious efforts are made to keep costs to a minimum to cover expenses of lodging, meals and supplies. There are no paid personnel – all laypersons and clergy on the team serve God by serving you and pay their own expenses. Weekend costs are \$230 per person. If financial restraints would keep you from attending, scholarships are available.

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE WEEKEND?

The weekend is only a beginning. What you learn and experience during the weekend is meant to encourage and equip you to return and put into practice a renewed enthusiasm for your personal life, local congregation and community. There will be continued support by many others who have attended before or will attend with you. Small groups are designed to reinforce and affirm the Christian life of grace. Participants are

encouraged to join a group where activities inspire, challenge, and encourage Christian action in homes, churches and communities. Small groups are available at various times and locations.

## WHY SHOULD CHRISTIANS ATTEND A PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND?

You will change the horizons of your Christian walk. Pilgrimage will help you see your life journey differently. For those that are seeking growth and answers and for those that are content – all will come away with something greater in their walk with God. God will be present:

*"For when two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."*

*Matthew 18:20*

Pilgrimage is a three-day renewal . . .  
. . . that lasts a lifetime.

## HOW CAN I ATTEND PILGRIMAGE?

If you would like to attend the next Pilgrimage weekend, complete a registration form and give it to a GPPP representative. This person is available to answer your questions and assist you with all aspects of preparing for your weekend. Printable forms and more information can be found on our website [www.gpppilgrimage.org](http://www.gpppilgrimage.org).

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## UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE DATES

**#21 March 30-April 2, 2017**

**#22 April 19-22, 2018**