

The International Partnership Ministry Team Youth Pilgrimage to Malawi 2019



In July 2019, the International Partnership Ministry Team of Pittsburgh Presbytery anticipates sending a group of 24-30 students and adult leaders to Malawi, Central Africa. The goal of this trip will be to introduce young leaders and their congregations to concepts of partnership and mutuality in mission with our partners in the developing world, and to see those concepts as part of the spiritual journey. We hope to get a broad representation of the presbytery (7-8 congregations), yet deep enough within each congregation (up to 4 participants per congregation) to allow for real impact within that congregation.

Our team will be led by Pastor Dave Carver, Moderator of the International Partnership Ministry Team of Pittsburgh Presbytery, and key adults from constituent congregations. We will participate in a "Focus on Youth" program that will be developed by our counterparts in the Synod of Blantyre of the Church of Central Africa: Presbyterian.

The proposed dates of the trip are July 3, 2019-July 18, 2019, and we anticipate the cost to be no more than \$3500/person. That amount includes not only the flight to and accommodations within Malawi, but also transportation to the airport in Washington DC and the required orientation retreat.

Congregations are invited to consider sending one adult leader and up to three high school students (age 14-18) on this pilgrimage. Our time in Malawi will include large group gatherings as well as the opportunity for each congregational team to visit the community in which their sister church, if applicable, is located. Congregations who are not currently partnered are welcome to apply and, if selected, will be hosted by a congregation in Malawi. The expectation would be that Pittsburghers would be able to worship at least one Sunday with their sister congregation.

A key aspect of this trip is the mandatory orientation retreat, tentatively scheduled for March 1-3, 2019.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

CHURCH/TEAM applications are available at:

https://form.jotform.com/pghpresby/IP_journey_church_application

INDIVIDUAL applications are available at:

https://form.jotform.com/pghpresby/IP_journey_individual_application

Please note individual applications will not be accepted; only completed packets of applications along with a cover letter from the church will be reviewed. For more information, contact Dave Carver (dave@chup.org) or Cindy Miller (cmiller@pghpresbytery.org). Applications and a refundable deposit of \$100/person are due no later than October 31, 2018.