

**JOURNEYS OF RECONCILIATION - APPLICATION**  
**Office of the Dean of the Chapel and Religious Life**  
**Emory University**

**Cuba, Mississippi Delta, Bosnia**

**March 7-11, 2016 MS Delta (Spring Break)**

**May 10-19, 2016 Cuba**

**May 10-22, 2016 Bosnia**

Journeys of Reconciliation is an inter-religious immersion program that explores the root causes of conflict and builds relationships between Emory University and communities in the U.S. and around the world. Journeys generally take place in March over Spring Break, and in May in the days following commencement. Occasionally, a second trip is offered in January.

Journeys evolved out of an Oxford College service-learning program that began in 1985. In 1999, the program took its current name and began to embrace both the Oxford and Atlanta campuses. Journeys welcomes participants from all sectors of the Emory/Oxford communities—undergraduates, graduate students staff and faculty. Staff and faculty are encouraged to serve as trip co-leaders. For each immersion experience, the program seeks as diverse a group as possible, drawing from Emory’s thirty recognized religious groups, its significant non-religious population, and its array of academic disciplines and professional schools. Past destinations include the Middle East, South Africa, Northern Ireland, Cuba, Bolivia, the Texas/Mexico border, Oaxaca, Appalachia, the Mississippi Delta, and Cheyenne and Northern Crow reservations in Montana.

At the program’s heart is an affirmation that barriers of race, religion, nationality, gender, and class can, and ought, to be overcome. The program invites groups to encounter the world’s complexity, to hear stories of pain and liberation, and to seek wisdom outside university walls. Each trip carries the hope that participants will be transformed into more thoughtful and caring citizens of the world.

***Requirements:***

- 1. Participants will be required to attend two or more pre-departure meetings where we will begin the exploration of the culture, history, and current reality of our destination. Readings and other preparatory material may be assigned by trip leaders and should be completed prior to the trip.**
- 2. Each participant is responsible for the cost of his or her Journey. All funds must be received prior to the Journey. Fundraising ideas will be made available for those who need help raising the funds.**
- 3. Participants on an international Journey must submit proof of a current passport (if applicable) or documentation that an application has been submitted for one by the time of application. Tickets cannot be purchased until the participant submits proof of a current, valid passport.**

**4. All participants are required to contribute to the Journeys program and the University community through writing a reflection on their Journey and, for those who are continuing at Emory, by speaking about their experience at events planned by the Journeys Coordinator in the year following their participation in the program.**

**Journeys of Reconciliation Application**

Applications for the 2016 Journeys trip to either Cuba, Mississippi Delta or Bosnia are due **on Thursday, October 29th**. Applications may be submitted by hard copy to Cynthia Shaw, the Journeys Coordinator in the Office of Religious Life, DUC 226 or by email: cshaw@emory.edu. If you are on the Oxford campus, your application can be submitted to Oxford Chaplain, Rev. Lyn Pace.

***Name as it appears on your passport:*** \_\_\_\_\_

Emory/Oxford **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ Female Male

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

School/Program/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    Senior    Graduate    Faculty    Staff

Languages spoken/fluency: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a passport? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No.    If yes, issued by what country? \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

***(\*\* If possible, please include a copy of the FACE page of your passport with this application)***

If you are selected for a "Journeys" trip but do not **yet** have a passport, you will need to submit proof that you have applied for one.

**Emergency contact information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any medical restrictions for which we need to make provisions?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special dietary requirements (vegetarian, etc.)?

Health Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy and ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include a front and back copy of your health insurance card.**

### **Journeys Descriptions:**

#### **Cuba**

The newly opened US Embassy in Havana and the raising of the American flag signaled a move towards reconciliation and normalization of relations that the two countries had not seen in 54 years. This new détente offers a valuable opportunity for US colleges and universities to explore the many layers of Cuba. The Journeys program has traveled to Cuba on three occasions and the purposes of each trip was to learn about the historical tensions between the two countries, Cuba's rich and surprising religious diversity which includes the active role of religion in social change in the country and the people and culture.

#### **Bosnia**

This journey takes us to Bosnia-Herzegovina, a laboratory for 21<sup>st</sup> century co-existence. Located in the heart of Europe, Bosnia-Herzegovina is the crossroads of cultures and empires. This Journey of Reconciliation trip will explore nationalism, human rights, intercultural coexistence and post Cold War European society. Sarajevo is often referred to as a "European Jerusalem" and will offer opportunities to explore religious identify, art history and rebuilding a culture of democracy.

#### **Mississippi Delta**

Join other Emory students for a **Habitat for Humanity** build in Leland, MS in the heart of the Mississippi Delta. In addition to helping provide affordable housing for needy communities in the Delta, the trip will also focus on the challenges of providing affordable health care to this vulnerable region of the state.

We will have conversations with health care providers, visit and tour health care facilities and interact with residents about their specific health care needs. Nothing impacts health care like affordable housing so this trip allows the students to experience both.

Journeys Preference: First choice \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cuba/Bosnia)

Second choice \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to my choices above, I am *also* interested in the Spring Break MS Delta trip . \_\_\_\_\_

I am ONLY interested in the Spring Break MS Delta trip \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond to the following:

- What does the word “reconciliation” mean to you and what is your knowledge of the root causes of conflict and struggle around the world?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What is your understanding of the barriers that divide people such as race, geographical boundaries, religion.. What has been your personal experience living with these kinds of barriers?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What is your knowledge of how education or life goals can impact your understanding of the world’s complexities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What gifts and skills would you contribute to the team going on this Journeys trip?

- Describe an experience you have had working with a diverse group of people and what did you learned about yourself from that experience.
  
- **Please answer on another sheet of paper:** Describe in *one page* why you wish to participate in the Journeys program trip and what this experience would mean to you culturally, educationally, politically, or spiritually.
  
- Please provide the name and phone number of a professor who may be called for a recommendation: (students only)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Department \_\_\_\_\_