

Language of Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage (*definition*): A pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion.

Pilgrimage (*metaphor*): Pilgrimage is a metaphor for a believer's life-long journey with Christ.

Pilgrim (*metaphor*): Every person who follows Jesus Christ throughout their life.

Pilgrimage Weekend: A Pilgrimage Weekend is a 3-day journey with Christ and to Christ. Symbolic of our life-long journey of faith, the Pilgrimage Weekend is designed to be a meaningful time of spiritual growth, renewal and transformation in Christ.

Staff Assignments

Moderator: The lay person on staff responsible for managing and directing a Pilgrimage Weekend.

Observing Moderator: The lay person chosen to be Moderator for the next Pilgrimage weekend.

Logistics Coordinator: Formerly known as the Camp Coordinator, this person deals with all logistics related to room reservations, housing, and other issues with the retreat center.

Praise Team: The Pilgrimage staff members who lead the singing for the weekend.

Agape¹ Team: The Pilgrimage staff members who provide various forms of agape throughout the weekend.

Service Team: The Pilgrimage staff members who serve others with snacks, drinks and during meals.

Table Guides: The Pilgrimage staff members who facilitate conversations in the Table Groups.

Spiritual Advisors: Clergy members who serve on Pilgrimage staff to offer spiritual support to the participants.

¹ See definition of Agape under "Weekend Overview."

Weekend Overview

The Three Days: The three days of the 72-hr Pilgrimage Weekend

The Themes of the Three Days of Pilgrimage

Day One: Liberated by Christ

Day Two: Transformed by Christ

Day Three: Sent by Christ

Talks: There are 15 talks throughout the weekend given by clergy and laity each focusing on a different aspect of the Christian Life.

Participant: Someone who attends a Pilgrimage Weekend for the first time.

Table Family: The small group setting for participants during the three days.

Agape: [pronounced “ah-GAH-pay”] Gifts of love offered to God in faith by members of the 4th Day Community as tangible expressions of God’s grace, trusting that they will be used to encourage others on their journey with Christ.

Butterfly symbolism: The butterfly is a symbol of the transformation which occurs in nature: the cocoon matures into a caterpillar then into a beautiful butterfly. So too, many lives are transformed during the three days of a Pilgrimage Weekend.

AFTER PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND

Fourth Day: The Fourth Day refers to the rest of your life, after your Pilgrimage.

4th Day Community: Those who have attended a Pilgrimage Weekend or other similar three-day weekends.

Renewal groups: A Renewal group is a small group comprised of members of the 4th Day Community that meets regularly to review each member’s life from a spiritual respect.

4th Day Gatherings: These are times of celebration, fellowship and support held throughout the year for members of the 4th Day Community in order to encourage them to persevere on their life-long pilgrimage as followers of Jesus Christ. They often include a meal together as well as worship with communion.