

A Learning Opportunity

You are invited to participate in a Sankofa* Pilgrimage October 16-20, 2024, sponsored by the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. The underlying power of Sankofa is that by knowing our history and heritage, we better know ourselves and the world around us.



We will visit sites of the Civil Rights Movement in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama, as well as sites which document the history of slavery in the United States. Part of this pilgrimage will be exploring the role of the Presbyterian Church and what we can learn from the past to carry into the future.

Details:

- The cost for participants will be \$1,300. This covers meals, snacks, hotels with double-occupancy, bus transportation, admission into all sites, and leadership. There is an additional cost for single occupancy.
- You will need to get yourself to Memphis by October 15 as we will begin our pilgrimage on the morning of October 16. Flights home should be arranged after 5:00 on Sunday afternoon. We are working to arrange a place to park for those who wish to drive to Memphis. If you wish to carpool, we will try to connect you with others from your area.
- There will be opportunities for both reflection and conversation each day, including spiritual practices and opportunities to learn via videos and readings about the places which we will be seeing/experiencing.
- We will be an intentionally multi-racial group with multi-racial leadership.
- You are welcome to bring a partner, friend, family member. We have availability for 30 participants.
- There are some scholarships available.

A \$300 deposit is required to reserve your spot. Full payment due by October 1. Register at <https://lakesandprairies.regfox.com/sankofa-pilgrimage>

THE ACT OF PILGRIMAGE, OR JOURNEYING TO A SACRED PLACE THAT HAS SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE, IS AN AGE-OLD PRACTICE. THE OPPORTUNITY THAT CONTEMPLATIVE JOURNEYS PROVIDE TO DISCOVER INNER SOLACE, PURPOSE, CLARITY OR REDEMPTION HAS PROPELLED TRAVELERS TO LAUNCH TRANSFORMATIVE VOYAGES THROUGHOUT THE AGES.

FROM GOOGLE

*Sankofa is a word that comes from the Akan tribe in Ghana and it means: **SAN** (return), **KO** (go), **FA** (seek and take). “Go back and get it.” It is a quest to learn from the past in order to ensure a strong future.