



Southern Civil Rights Tour

Sponsored by

Meadville Lombard Theological School, Chicago

Saturday, March 22- Sunday, March 30, 2008

Beginning and ending in Chicago, IL

Travel by luxury motor coach

Cost: \$1200 per person

Includes lodging (double room), most meals, and all fees

Available for credit to theological students.

Only 30 people will be registered on a first-come basis.

SUMMARY OF ITINERARY

The Rev. Dr. Gordon Gibson will lead the tour, provide videos enroute, readings and commentary to enrich your experience of visits to museums and sites significant to the Civil Rights Movement, and encounters with people who were part of the struggle. Gordon was an early participant in the Selma voting rights campaign (1965) and was the Unitarian Universalist minister in Mississippi 1969-1984. He led similar tours in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

- ◆ Memphis, TN – National Civil Rights Museum, site of M.L. King’s assassination.
- ◆ Mississippi Delta – Ruleville (Fannie Lou Hamer), Money (Emmett Till), Greenwood (COFO site).
- ◆ Jackson, MS – Evers House, local sites, meet and talk with Movement veterans.
- ◆ Philadelphia, MS – Churches, COFO office, memorials to Chaney, Schwerner and Goodman.
- ◆ Marion, AL – Home of Jimmie Lee Jackson. See memorials, gravesite, meet veterans of the Movement.
- ◆ Selma, AL – Visit Brown Chapel Church, Voting Rights Museum, tour with Movement veteran, walk Pettus Bridge
- ◆ Hayneville, AL – Jail and store where Jonathan Daniels was killed, memorial.
- ◆ Selma to Montgomery March – follow the route, visit Viola Liuzzo memorial.
- ◆ Montgomery, AL – See where march ended, M.L. King’s church, civil rights memorial, Rosa Parks Museum.
- ◆ Birmingham, AL – The 16th Street Baptist Church, the Civil Rights Institute, and Kelly Ingram Park, meet local veterans.

INFORMATION

The trip will begin early Saturday morning, March 22, boarding the bus in Chicago to travel south to Memphis. It will end on Sunday evening, March 30, when the bus completes the trip from Nashville to Chicago.

The cost of the trip is \$1200 per person, which includes transportation on a luxury tour bus, eight nights in double rooms, all fees and most meals. Two dinners will be on your own. To have a room to yourself, add \$350 in room costs (total \$1,550).

A deposit of \$250 per person with the registration form will hold your space. The balance will be due no later than January 18, 2008. Following that date, refunds may not be possible.

Meadville Lombard Theological School is offering credit to theological students registering for this tour. Tuition is \$1450, plus a \$50 registration fee due when you send the registration form. Tuition balance will be due by January 18, 2008. If you have registration questions, contact Alice in the Registrar's office (773-256-3000, x235).

Up to 30 people may register on a first-come basis. If you register after the 30 spaces have been filled, you will be waitlisted. If no space opens up, you will receive a full refund.

Rooms pre-reserved are all non-smoking. Let us know when you register if you prefer a smoking room.

Meal reservations will be made with vegetarian options requested. Please indicate on the registration form if this is your preference. However, vegetarians take note: most meals will include vegetable choices cooked "southern style," with ham, bacon, etc. If you have any specific dietary limitations, you may need to provide some of your own food.

Transportation and accommodations to/from Chicago, IL are your responsibility.

Questions? Contact Gordon or Judy Gibson, e-mail judygibson@bellsouth.net or phone 574-292-5721.

COMMENTS FROM PAST TOUR PARTICIPANTS

"I knew this was not just a 'sightseeing' tour. After the first couple of stops I realized I was visiting sacred places. The week's experiences left me with a renewed commitment to fight injustice." – Kay Wikel, WI

*"I really felt profoundly moved and changed by this experience." – The Rev. Emily Gage,
Unitarian Universalist minister from Joliet, IL*

"I will never think of the Civil Rights Movement in the same way again after taking this trip. It far surpassed anything that I had expected." – Pat Watkins, WI

*"Don't wait! The veterans of the Movement are aging and most have not or may not write their stories. This is the opportunity to hear their stories first-hand."
– Don Williams, CA*

*"Give yourself and your finances to a transforming cause. This Civil Rights Tour will break you or make you, perhaps both." – The Rev. Joseph Jackson, Jr.,
Baptist minister from Milwaukee, WI*

"It far exceeded my expectations. It was the best educational experience I ever had. I learned more in this week than in my entire graduate program...." – Edith Harris Camp, IL

REGISTER NOW to reserve your space!!
Only 30 people will be registered on a first-come basis.
Mail a copy of the registration form below with your deposit.

Make checks payable to Meadville Lombard Theological School. Note "Civil Rights Tour" on subject line.

Send to:
Amal Matari, Registrar's Office
Meadville Lombard Theological School
5701 S. Woodlawn Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637

Questions? Contact Gordon or Judy Gibson, e-mail judygibson@bellsouth.net or phone 574-292-5721
Meadville Contact is: Amal Matari, e-mail amatari@meadville.edu or 773-256-3000 x251



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Civil Rights Tour Registration Form

(Return with Deposit or Full Payment)

Please print.

1. Name M... F... Birthdate .../.../...
2. Name M... F... Birthdate .../.../...
Address
City, State, Zip
Phone (day)(eve).....
E-mail

Rates are based upon double occupancy (\$1200 per person). *(See below for Tuition/Credit)

Please select from the following:

- I would like to room with the following other trip registrant:
- Assign me to share a room with another registrant of the same sex. (Share basis)
- I want a single room (Single supplement is additional \$350. Total cost \$1,550).
- Room preference: Non-Smoking Smoking
- Food preference: Meat is fine Vegetarian

Return form with deposit to hold your space(s). (Checks Only) (See Cancellation Policy)

Deposit: \$250 per person Enclosed: \$ _____ Balance will be due 1/18/08.

***Meadville Tuition for Credit Add \$50 to register . Tuition balance of \$1450 due 1/18/08**

Video – “Eyes on the Prize” series

Books – Taylor Branch, Parting the Waters

Taylor Branch, Pillar of Fire

Taylor Branch, At Canaan's Edge

Jack Mendelsohn, The Martyrs

James Farmer, Lay Bare the Heart

David Halberstam, The Children

John Lewis, Walking With the Wind

Travel Book – Townsend Davis, Weary Feet, Rested Souls

Specific Sites

Birmingham:

Diane McWhorter, Carry Me Home

Ed Harris, Miracle in Birmingham

Selma:

Richard Leonard, Call to Selma

Charles Fager, Selma 1965

Mary Stanton, From Selma to Sorrow

Montgomery:

Martin Luther King, Stride Toward Freedom

Philadelphia, MS:

Seth Cagin and Philip Dray, We Are Not Afraid

Mississippi:

John Dittmer, Local People

Loewen, Sallis, et al, Mississippi: Conflict and Change

Charles Marsh, God's Long Summer

Robert Moses & Charles Cobb, Radical Equations

Elizabeth Sutherland Martinez, Letters from Mississippi

Ruleville, MS:

Kay Mills, This Little Light of Mine

Memphis:

Kris Nelscott, A Dangerous Road (fiction)