

A Pilgrimage of Peoples Reflections

18 April 2018 - Our last day, we visited the Museum of the American Indian. The presentation on the checker was insightful. Many of the cards were behind us and above us. I am struck by how vivid the experience of Lewis, Clark, Gassner, and the other Americans are to us, despite the challenges and hardships we face. The first day's team kept all of them alive and present. — the Fox & the Chickadee

I have always known how we as humans have come from one. Just as we humans have been the vessel of God's creation, to our selves from I hope from this trip we, from our group, will be able to show others how our differences are small compared to how we connect as a whole human. — Beth Blumberg/21

A wonderful couple of days
of learning from museums
and each other I loved the
willing spirit of the group to
get to know more about me
another. There were many
'Aha-moments' during the trip.
Here's to a wonderful, inaugural
Spartanburg IFA pilgrimage!
-Christ Brown

I thought all of the activities
made for meaningful experiences-
the museums & discussions.
Logistics were handled very
well & well organized & I'm
glad to know why fellow pilgrims
won't wouldn't change a thing-
Thank you!
-Emily Neely

4/18/2018

A great experience!
Wonderful people, joyful
time for learning, experience
beyond measure.
Jane B. Spear

4/18/2018

A sacred adventure with such a variety of
folks - all kindred spirits - to learn more about
one another by sharing our stories...
A well organized and thought provoking
Journey...
Thanks for providing such a marvelous
opportunity to reflect on & remember &
continue to 'pass forward'.
- Sue Perrin

4/18/2018

I can only hope that the
fellowship we seldom seem to
enjoyment of each other will
continue once we return to
Spent a day.

Carol B. McCall

WHAT A GREAT EXPERIENCE!
I FEEL BLESSED, NOT ONLY FOR
HAVING SEEN & LEARNED ALL
THAT I DID, BUT TO HAVE MET
& RECOMMENDED SUCH A GREAT
AND LOVING GROUP OF PEOPLE!
I'M SO GLAD THAT LEADERS PUT
THIS TRIP TOGETHER, AND THAT
I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
COME. I WILL CHEERISH THE
MEMORIES. LES MITCHELL

4/18 An Amazing experience with an
awesome group. Melting pot of the
unknown fear, we all have suffered in
our culture. Let's unit, I have ~~developed~~ develop
a friendship relationship to open up and explore
with an opportunity to make a difference in
the world. Spending love, peace, faith and knowledge
to the youths. Mrs. Ruth

I had an awesome time in DC because
I made friends and learned ~~so~~ lots ~~with~~
with ~~her~~ her.

It was a joy to share those three days
with so many wonderful people and new
friends. Education is the way to liberation
Remembering + deepening my understanding of
the plight of those affected by the Holocaust,
slavery + the treatment of Native Americans
was liberating for me. This experience
presses me to re-examine my own biases
+ desires in me a desire to work harder
for justice + peace.

These past few days have been
an amazing experience for me. I've
met some really wonderful people.
I also feel that I have grown
more aware of the pain and
suffering people have gone through
and still are going through.
I ~~love~~ loved this trip and the
people who went with me.

These past few days have so very
amazing. I had so much fun and
learned a lot. I am so glad I came
from being sad and even happy
there was always + always it will still be it.

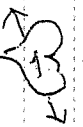
I feel enthralled! I feel empowered!
Both, which are critical elements to
being a change agent for love, respect,
inclusion, and value of all people.
I am compassionately committed to making
a career of humanity, pursuing my life
to the noble struggle for equality and
equity. I desire to be greater person in
this arena of life liberty and the pursuit
of happiness for all people. Thank you
for the opportunity to highlight my
level of conscientious, education,
and commitment! Shields, S. Snoddy

I'm grateful for this shared experience
and for new friends. My hope is that
we continue this conversation, using
our new-found knowledge and growth.
We can invite others to share in what
we've learned, thereby creating a community
of fellow pilgrims - all striving to
become fully human. Love Rayla

No matter how much you think you know,
There is always more to learn. (Good thing)
has been ongoing. I am even more
determined that we embrace all of
humanity and lift up those who need
it. I love being a UU - Unitarian
Universalist because we aim for that
every day. Thanks heavens for our
Pastor's heart's help.

Betsy M. Keeter 4/18/18.

I really enjoyed these past few
days learning about how 3 different
cultures were more alike than I
thought before. The Art, Love, Hate,
Battle, and Struggles were similar.

I see why Moses and Martin shared
their visions from the mountain top
Because on the ground, you can only
see ahead from that level, but when
we rise up and look beyond our
surroundings, we can see so much more.
Thanks for this experience. I will
always cherish it, and the thoughts
of all of you! #Newbeginnings 

What an amazing experience!
You shared stories, meals, tears,
laughter and HOPE for a better future
for ourselves, our community and
our world. I'm so grateful for the
opportunity to be part of this community!
Klanne Kennedy

The experience was amazing and eye-opening.
This was one of the best trips I had!
If I had the opportunity to do it again
I would take it! - Ericka Long

The Holocaust Portion of The Trip
I walked away like I felt in what the
Museum was doing to tell about what
people are present the being appalled. Settin'
by the looking at other countries as well
at the Africa's America was early. I
stays when asked me the most, I got a
other understanding of how slaves in
other countries. I'm wondering how the
country left me. Not much about the
US ever. Did they's watch the Bible put
americans. Did they's with young NA
people. Trail of Tears with young NA
people. Trail of Tears with young NA

The past few days have truly
been amazing, one that
will cherish forever. It
has been a joy to meet so
many new friends and
experiences. This educational
and historical tour together
with is power and I am
leaving DC empowered to
make a difference in my
community and beyond.

Tara Morse

The stories of strength and
 resilience have long interested
 me, realizing that like the
 many found themselves in
 circumstances of no fault
 of their own. When their
 time of testing comes, what are
 their responses? Did they turn
 a blind eye or shut eyes? or
 remain silent out of fear?
 Or did they rise up out of the
 dust and ~~remains~~ ^{and circumstances} for their fallen
 men? Were they willing to dig deep
 and press on? You don't ~~remain~~ remain
 silent about the things you
 care about most "Actions speak
 louder." What is thinking, without
 doing? Feeling, but not responding?
 Community is vitally important
 to health and well being. So are
 the words "we speak, hear, listen, sing.
 At the MLK Memorial, I was
 reminded, "Out of the mountain
 of despair ... a stone of hope."
 So often when faced with obstacles
 we want God to take them away
 and to do something so dramatic (and)

at the Red Sea! (Ae-pen-ness). But
then He makes us climb that mountain,
giving us strength and supernatural ability,
restoring us that despite the amount
of effort required, the size of the
mountain, and the steep climb, He
is with us every step of the way.

I look forward to future opportunities
^{to work with you} ~~to work with you~~ I see on this
trip as we come together to
make MOVE Spartanburg forward,
(united)
May we be united in our efforts,
working in, around, with and
through.

TOGETHER we can make a
difference.

Karen Cox
Spartanburg, SC
4/19/18

Three days of inspiration!
A powerful experience that
I can take back and share with
my family, church, and community.
I pray that all of us can continue
to grow in our similarities and meet
our differences so that our community
can continue to grow forward.
God bless you all!

Thomas Hobbs
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Thanks to Paula Passie for the
chairs and inspiration to look
up the mountain tops. We
had been in meetings & meetings
expensive and an opportunity to
pull your friends as well as
middle students and learn our
old friends. Thanks to all
you & the church group for
the wonderful experience and
the wonderful memories. We
pray that you will first know our community
to grow.

Paula Passie

4-18-11

Maria Rosemond

Thank you for this trip. It was fun and I learned a lot. Your jokes are funny (sometimes) and I think you are a little cool.

What a truly wonderful experience. The museum, the parties, the stories. Together made for a most enjoyable experience. Well done!

Glenn Hymus

4-18-2018

These have been fixing, fun and informative days. I have enjoyed meeting the different people and the experience of different families.

This Pilgrimage has shown each of us that we are more common than different. That our histories as people has lead and leads us to seek the same for ourselves as well as Americans. We seek safety and the opportunity to be the best we can be.

Now that we have come home, the challenge is to maintain this excitement and share with others that unity is possible. If we take the time to meet people where they are, create relationships with individuals, we can change our community, our city, our state and eventually our country.

Thanks to all who visioned, planned, participated in this GREAT experience,

of Here's to a better future because of US!!!

ISAAC Dickson

In my youth, pre-Bar-Mitzvah days, I was most Jews was taught to "Never Forget!" I had met survivors of the Holocaust and heard their words. But perhaps I only heard them. I ~~post~~ Bar-Mitzvah had attended various classes and sensitivity training courses, but not until recent history — and reflection on the parallel struggles of the many peoples — some of which are displayed in graphic detail in the museum did I truly feel the potential for history to repeat itself.

Sharing these experiences with our interfaith group does, however, give me hope. Not only must we Never Forget, but we must not let others forget and must be prepared to defend and come to the aid of others in need.

— [Signature]

Our City's Antiracist
group created and led
us on this journey
I have experienced
as we moved through
that 3 museums the
great suffering our people
have endured and how
we have survived.
and prospered spirit-
ually, artistically,
politically — and so on

My sense of oneness
with my human family
is deepened. My love
for the family is deepened
We have wonderful young
people with the rich
insightful, compassionate
and strong. I have
great hope for them
and wish that they explore

will engender in their
hearts,
folks in different walks
of life, religion, ages
None shared deeply &
truthfully with me
& am filled with
gratitude; I want
to do this again

It is truly a wonderful
to have seen men +
women and youth of
different faiths look
at the world with
the lenses of
other people of faith
Learning of the pain
& joy of others
Human beings
- Rishi Dass, PhD

INTERFAITH PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON DC - PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

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