

Together, seeking paths of hope



The five days of the Cape Town Youth meeting:

Wednesday 25.09.2019	Thursday 26.09.2019	Friday 27.09.2019	Saturday 28.09.2019	Sunday 29.09.2019
Welcome between 7 am and 12 noon at the central venue	8:00 am: Morning prayer in the parish/local church, followed by a local morning program in the parish: "Visiting and meeting with people of hope in our neighbourhood".			Sunday service/celebration in host parishes/local churches
	11:00 am: Departure from the parishes/local churches			
Transport to the host parishes	12:00 noon: lunch and Common prayer with short Bible readings, meditative singing and silence.			Departure
Departure from the parishes	Afternoon: Bible reflection, sharing in small groups workshops on various themes (faith and life, cultural presentations...).			
5:30 pm: dinner and Common prayer				
7:45 pm: transport back to host parishes/local churches and families.				

Youth meeting

Up to 10.000 of young people will gather from South Africa, the continent and abroad in a Pilgrimage of Trust.

- **Celebrating Christ, Source of peace and of true reconciliation. Praying, singing, being in silence and sharing faith with thousands of other young people.**
- **Discovering people from different cultures and their lives.**
- **Experiencing the Church as a ferment of unity and communion in the human family.**
- **Welcome in families.**

The international meeting of young adults in Cape Town from 25th till 29th of September 2019 will be a new step of « The Pilgrimage of Trust on Earth » organised by the Taizé Community.

This meeting will help young people in their search for God. It will help encourage them to have a profound trust in themselves and in others. This meeting will invite them to be attentive to the signs and people of hope present around them and encourages them to take up responsibilities to become bearers of peace and trust in the Church and in society.

The daily programme will include common prayers and times of sharing, the morning programme will be in the parishes/local churches and from midday onwards in a common venue.

The participants of the Cape Town meeting will be accommodated in the parishes and local communities. This personal welcome is an important aspect of this pilgrimage. The youth will be put up in families with simple means.

Everyday a shuttle bus service (and/or train) will bring the youth from the local parish to the common venue at midday for the programme and take them back after the prayer in the evening.

Coming to this meeting in Cape Town involves a full participation in the programme and to prepare oneself well in advance.

The Community of the brothers from Taizé

The ecumenical Community of Taizé was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger in the small village of Taizé, France. Today the Community comprises one hundred brothers coming from more than 25 different countries. Through their life together, they try to be a sign of unity and peace. They commit themselves for their entire lives in the Community and live exclusively from their own work. The Brothers live and search together for the unity of Christians, and welcome youth every week throughout the year at Taizé and during international meetings. The young people who participate in the meetings are called to be witnesses of peace wherever they live, in their local communities, cities and Churches. To encourage them, the Community organizes with local Churches each year meetings in cities like Johannesburg (1995), Calcutta (2006), Cochabamba - Bolivia (2007), Nairobi (2008), Manilla (2010), Santiago (Chile - 2010), Berlin (2011), Kigali (2012), Cotonou - Benin (2016), Basel (2017)...

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Practical information

Dates: Arrival, welcome and first common prayer on Wednesday 25th September, in the morning, departure on Sunday 29th September afternoon.

Participants are from 18 to 35 years of age.

Accommodation and breakfast will be in host families.

Simple meals will be served at midday and in the evening at the common venue.

Transport will be organized from each host parish to the common venue.

How to prepare ourselves?

- 1. To pray with the local Christian community or in a prayer group. This will help to make the journey a spiritual one in connection with the life of one's parish, group or chaplaincy.*
- 2. To reflect along with others on the following themes: Making ourselves more available to others, making ourselves more available to God, making ourselves more available to the Christ of communion in the Church and also on the 2018 letter **Inexhaustible Joy** with the four proposals: http://www.taize.fr/en_article23186.html*
- 3. To learn some of the Taizé repetitive songs.*
- 4. To look around you for people who awake hope and visit them.*

Final registration date: 21 July 2019 through your local congregation, chaplaincy, youth office.

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