**The five days of the Cape Town Youth meeting**

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

# Together, seeking paths of hope

# Youth meeting

Several thousand young people will gather from South Africa, the continent and abroad in a Pilgrimage of Trust.

- Celebrating Christ, Source of peace and true reconciliation. Praying, singing, being in silence and sharing faith with thousands of other young people.

- Discovering people of different cultures and their lives.

- Experiencing the Church as a ferment of unity and communion in the human family.

- Accommodation with local families.

The international meeting of young adults in Cape Town 25-29 September 2019 will be a new step of the “Pilgrimage of Trust on Earth” organised by the Taizé Community.

This meeting will encourage young people in their search for God, helping them to have a deeper trust in themselves and in others. The programme will invite them to be attentive to the signs and people of hope present around them and encourage them to take up responsibilities as 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 parishes/local churches throughout the city and from midday onwards in a common central venue.

The participants in the Cape Town meeting will be accommodated by people in the parishes and local communities. Personal contact 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.

#### The brothers of 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 are a sign of unity and peace. They commit themselves for their whole 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)…

**http://www.taize.fr/capetown**

**Practical information**

**Dates:** Arrival, welcome and first common prayer on Wednesday 25 September 2019 in the morning. Departure on Sunday 29 September in the afternoon.

**Participants:** 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 central 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 reading the 2018 letter* ***Inexhaustible Joy*** *with the four proposals:* [*http://www.taize.fr/en\_article23186.html*](http://www.taize.fr/en_article23186.html)

***3.*** *To learn some of the Taizé songs.*

***4.*** *To look around you for people who awaken hope and go to visit them.*

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