

Programme outline

Wednesday 25 September

Between 07:00 and 12:00: arrival of registered participants from outside Cape Town at the central venue (grounds of St Joseph's Marist College, Rondebosch).

As they arrive, participants are given information and material for the meeting and are then transported by shuttle buses to the host churches.

From 9:30am onwards participants start arriving at host churches, are assigned their accommodation, go to visit their hosts, and leave their bag.

~4 pm: buses collect participants from host churches and transport them to the central venue (Rondebosch) for supper and evening prayer.

~7:45 pm: Buses take participants back to the host neighbourhoods.

Thursday 26, Friday 27 and Saturday 28

Breakfast with host families and go to host church (usually on foot) for morning prayer (~8 am)

Morning programme and local visits to people and places of hope.

~11 am: buses take participants from host churches and transport them to the central venue for the afternoon programme:

- lunch
- midday prayer
- afternoon workshops on themes of faith, social commitment and cultural exchange;
- supper
- evening prayer

~7:45 pm: Buses take participants from central venue to the host neighbourhoods.

Sunday 29

Breakfast with host families and go to host church for Sunday service.

Lunch with host families (or possibly in host church).

~2 pm: buses take participants from host churches and transport them to Rondebosch for groups to reassemble and depart.

Together, seeking paths of hope



Youth meeting

Several thousand young adults will gather from South Africa, other African countries and beyond in a *Pilgrimage of Trust*:

- **Celebrating Christ, Source of peace and true reconciliation**
- **Praying, singing, being in silence and sharing faith**
- **Discovering people of different cultures and their lives**
- **Experiencing the Church as a ferment of unity and communion**
- **Accommodation with local families**

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Do you live in Cape Town? ...We need your help!

Personal contact is an important part of this pilgrimage. The young participants from outside Cape Town will be accommodated in the homes of local people, in simple conditions. If you live within the hosting area of Cape Town – the area bounded by Table View in the north, Bellville and Durbanville in the north-east, Khayelitsha in the south-east – you can offer help through your local church.

Can you welcome two or more young people in your home for the 4 nights of this meeting? The young adults (18 to 35 years old) are pilgrims, not tourists. They can easily sleep on the floor. It is a warm welcome that counts, not the level of comfort. They need only a simple breakfast (e.g. Weet-Bix) and will then leave the house for the whole day to take part in the programme beginning with morning prayer (~8am) in a local church. (If your own church is too far to walk to, either they walk to another participating church nearby or, if you prefer, you can transport them to your church.) The participants will receive lunch and supper at the central venue. After evening prayer there, your guests will return home around 8:45pm. On the final day (Sunday), there will be time to share lunch with those whom you are welcoming, if this is possible for you.

Offer help through your local church or at <http://www.taize.fr/article25583.html>

Are you 18-35?

- Then you can be a full participant in the meeting!

- *If you live outside Cape Town*, you need to register online (see opposite page).
- *If you live within the hosting area*, then you will be staying in your own home during the meeting. Because of this:
 - it is possible also for local 17 year-olds to register as full participants;
 - you do not register online, but through your local church.

For other ways of participating, see:

In holding this meeting the Taizé Community is responding to a joint invitation from Church leaders: Archbishop Thabo Makgoba of the Anglican Church, Stephen Brislin, Catholic Archbishop of Cape Town, Presiding Methodist Bishop Siwa, President of the Council of Churches of South Africa, Rev. Dr. Llewellyn LM MacMaster, Moderator of the Uniting Reformed Church of Southern Africa, Revd. Dr. Gustav Claasen of the Dutch Reformed Church, and others have since associated themselves to the invitation.

Practical Information

Dates: Reception: morning of Wednesday 25 September 2019.

Departure: Sunday 29 September in the afternoon.

Age of full participants: from 18 to 35 years of age.

Bring: mug, plate, spoon, water-bottle, torch, small mat/cloth for sitting on the ground.

Accommodation and breakfast will be with host families.

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

Transport will be provided between each host church and the central venue.

Financial contribution: Participants from South Africa R250; from other African countries: no financial contribution; from other continents: €50.

Volunteers from SA arrive *2 days early* (23rd Sept.), indicate this on the registration form (same financial contribution as other participants).

Registration: the deadline has passed but we can still accept some applications as exceptions. If you wish to participate, get in contact without delay!

For full and updated information, see: http://www.taize.fr/en_article25025.html

Preparing to participate in the Cape Town meeting

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1. *Pray with your local Christian community or in a prayer group to connect your geographical journey to a spiritual one which you share with people of your local church.*
2. *Reflect with others on the following themes: Making ourselves more available to others, to God, and in the Church. Read the 2019 text "Let us not forget hospitality" with its 5 proposals:* http://www.taize.fr/en_article25317.html
3. *Learn some Taizé songs:* http://www.taize.fr/en_article10308.html
4. *Look around you for people and places of hope, and go to visit them.*

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 about 100 brothers from over 30 countries. They make a lifelong monastic commitment and live entirely by their own work. The brothers seek the visible unity of Christians, and welcome young adults for meetings and retreats both in Taizé itself and, in cooperation with local churches, in cities around the world. Other stages of the *pilgrimage of trust* have been held in Johannesburg (1995), Calcutta (2006), Cochabamba - Bolivia (2007), Nairobi (2008), Manila (2010), Santiago - Chile (2010), Berlin (2011), Kigali (2012), Cotonou - Benin (2016), Basel (2017), Hong Kong (2018), Beirut (March 2019) and many other cities.

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