



ACYOA Mission Trip

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)

February 17-20, 2022

FACT SHEET

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. John 15:16

WHAT IS THE ACYOA MISSION TRIP?

This is a weekend-long, faith-based service trip for young adults to provide outreach to a mission parish of the Eastern Diocese and its community at large. Programs similar to this have been done in the past, but have been dormant in recent years. The ACYOA Central Council is excited to revive this initiative by partnering with Habitat for Humanity as they build a home near our Atlanta Mission Parish in Roswell, GA.

WHO CAN SIGN UP?

This trip is open to all young adults ages 18-28 from across the Eastern Diocese that are physically capable of participating on a Habitat for Humanity worksite and interested in providing service and outreach to the Atlanta Mission Parish Community. This trip will be limited to 18 participants, plus a clergyman leader and two assistant trip leaders. All applications will be thoughtfully reviewed, and acceptance will be made by January 15, based on an applicant's essay questions and ability to fully contribute to the mission and purpose of the trip.

WHAT'S COVERED & WHAT'S NOT?

There is no cost to register. The full cost of the program is being underwritten by the ACYOA Central Council, using the proceeds of the 2021 Bishop's 5K. All participants will be provided modest lodging (2-3 people to a room), ground transportation by van, and two meals a day. In addition, the participant fees for Habitat for Humanity will be covered. Participants will be encouraged to help fundraise prior to the trip. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, but you will need **cash** to pay for your dinners. Please bring spending money to cover both Friday and Saturday night's dinners and any incidentals you may have while traveling.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Participants will need to coordinate and pay for their own transportation to/from the Atlanta Hartsfield Airport (ATL). Participants should arrive as early as 6:00 PM, but no later than 9:00 PM on Thursday, February 17 and depart no earlier than 6:00 PM on Sunday, February 20. All participants will be expected to complete an online travel survey several weeks before their arrival so that airport pick-ups and drop-offs can be coordinated and communicated in advance. Please wait to make travel arrangements until you have received an acceptance email on or around January 15.

WHAT TO PACK

Clothing: For the Worksite: work clothes such as jeans, long-sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, etc, work gloves, work boots, coat, hat, scarf, etc. **Atlanta can be COLD this time of year... pack layers!** No t-shirts, shorts, or open-toed shoes will be allowed on the worksite. For the evenings: casual clothes such as jeans/pants, sweaters, etc. For Sunday: proper attire for church. Additional: pajamas, shoes, socks, underwear, etc.

Toiletries: soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, razor, tissues, feminine hygiene products, band-aids, baby wipes, medications, hand sanitizer, etc.

Miscellaneous: Bible, notebook and pen (to keep a daily journal), sunglasses, camera, reusable water bottle and/or coffee mug, etc.

MEDICAL

Please consult with your physician to ensure that you are physically capable of participating on the Habitat for Humanity worksite, which will include manual labor. We encourage you to make sure you are up-to-date on all immunizations, including your tetanus shot (or booster). Please consider getting one if you have not had one in the last ten years. If you are taking medication, be sure to bring an adequate supply. You should also bring any over-the-counter medication that you may need (cold pills, anti-diarrhea medicine, aspirin, decongestants, etc.). If you wear glasses or contact lenses and cannot see without them, we suggest you bring a spare pair just in case. Should you have any medical concerns during your trip, please inform the leader immediately, and he will consult with the closest medical facility to get you the care you need. Please note: COVID policies and a liability waiver form will be sent to all accepted participants at least two weeks prior to the trip.

IN AND AROUND ATLANTA

Participants will be flying in/out of Atlanta Hartsfield Airport (ATL). We will be picked up by vans and driven to their hotel which is about 40 minutes north in the Roswell/Alpharetta area. On Friday and Saturday mornings, we will be driven by van about 40 minutes northwest to the Habitat for Humanity worksite in Gainesville. On Saturday evening and Sunday morning, we will serve at the Atlanta Mission Parish in Roswell, which is 10 minutes from the hotel.

VISITING FAMILY & FRIENDS IN ATLANTA

Our schedule will be jam-packed and will not provide free time away from the group. Therefore, we ask that you do not make plans with local family and friends during this trip. You are welcome to arrive early or stay longer, if you desire. In addition, no guests are permitted to visit your room or stay overnight with you at the hotel.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Your family may contact Jennifer Morris at 248-648-0702 or at jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org if they have any questions or concerns while you are traveling. The trip leader will be Fr. Yeprem Kelegian, retired clergyman of the Eastern Diocese. He can be reached at 262-497-7018, or by email at kelegian@att.net.

ACYOA MISSION TRIP - TENTATIVE SCHEDULE as of 12/07/21

Thursday:

6:30 - 9:00 PM ATL Airport Pick-ups
7:30 - 10:00 PM Check-in at the _____ Hotel in Alpharetta/Roswell, GA
10:30 - 11:00 PM Welcome, Ice Breakers, and Orientation

Friday:

7:00 - 7:45 AM Morning Meditation and Breakfast at the Hotel
7:45 - 8:45 AM Drive to Worksite in Gainesville, GA
8:45 AM - 3:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Worksite (lunch will be provided)
3:00 - 4:00 PM Drive to Hotel
4:00 - 5:30 PM Rest and Shower
5:30 - 7:30 PM Outreach and Visit to the Elderly and Shut-ins
7:30 - 8:00 PM Drive to Dinner
8:00 - 10:00 PM Group Dinner at _____
10:00 - 10:30 PM Return to Hotel
10:30 - 11:00 PM Evening Reflection

Saturday:

7:00 - 7:45 AM Morning Meditation and Breakfast at the Hotel
7:45 - 8:45 AM Drive to Worksite in Gainesville, GA
8:45 AM - 3:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Worksite (lunch will be provided)
3:00 - 4:00 PM Drive to Hotel
4:00 - 5:30 PM Rest and Shower
5:30 - 6:30 PM Drive to Parish and Set-Up for Evening Program
6:30 - 9:00 PM Dinner and Outreach to Atlanta Mission Parish
9:00 - 9:30 PM Return to Hotel
9:30 - 10:00 PM Evening Reflection

Sunday:

9:00 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at the Hotel (included but not necessary, if fasting)
9:30 - 10:00 AM Drive to Parish
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Divine Liturgy
12:00 - 2:00 PM Fellowship with Atlanta Mission Parish Community
2:00 - 2:30 PM Closing Reflection
2:30 - 5:00 PM Drive to ATL for Drop-offs

Thank you for being an important part of this year's ACYOA Mission Trip!