



Love Crosses Borders

A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants

July 28 – August 3, 2019

Information

- Location** Casa AlternA --- a bilingual Anabaptist community and hospitality house in Lagrange, Georgia, devoted to faithful acts of mercy and justice alongside its first-wave immigrant neighbors, mostly from Guatemala. Lagrange, Georgia is located one hour south-west of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.
- Leader** Anton Flores-Maisonet, co-founder of Casa AlternA. A former professor of social work, Anton now serves as a community leader, companion with immigrants, and advocate for human rights.
- Focus** Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Crosses are the horrific tools of repression. Jon Sobrino said that the prophetic role of the church is to take down the crucified peoples of our day from their crosses. Borders are not only social constructs, they're also spiritual ones. Who's included? Who's excluded? How do we reconcile God's call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? What can unwelcomed immigrants teach the Church about love? How can the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement inform and inspire us to a love that crosses borders?
- Objectives**
- Witness works of compassionate love and justice rooted in community and solidarity.
 - Learn about racism, exclusion, and other forms of injustice primarily confronting black and brown communities in the South.
 - Examine social issues from biblical and trauma-informed perspectives.
 - Reflect on God's redemptive work and listen for God's call.
- Highlights**
- Receive hospitality from immigrants.
 - Hear testimonies from immigrants of faith and resiliency.
 - Help at El Refugio, a ministry of hospitality and visitation serving immigrants at Stewart Detention Center and their families and friends.
 - Visit immigrants facing deportation.
 - Connect the quest for immigrant justice and the legacy of the Civil Rights movement.
 - Visit the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, AL, the nation's first memorial dedicated to people terrorized by lynching, and mass incarceration.
 - Hike on Pine Mountain Trail and reflect on God's call together in the wilderness.
- Housing** Community housing at Casa AlternA and/or homestays with local immigrants.
- Cost** \$345 for food, housing and staffing for the week (excludes transportation). For transportation during the week, we will car pool and/or use a rental van.
- Registration** Complete the next page and submit to Mennonite Men with a deposit.



Mennonite Men

Engaging men to grow, give and serve.

Registration

To register for the **Love Crosses Borders** Mennonite Men immersion experience, please complete this form and submit with a \$100 deposit to the address below. In June, we will distribute medical and acknowledgement of risk forms.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Cell phone: _____ Do you speak Spanish? _____

Home congregation (if any): _____

Dietary requests: _____

Physical needs: _____

Other comments: _____

Please mail this completed form and a check for \$100 (to "Mennonite Men") as a deposit to:

Mennonite Men
Attn: Berni Kaufman
718 N Main Street
Newton, KS 67114-1703

(Balance of \$245 due June 1, 2019)

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