

Young Adult Immersion Trip – May 2017

KUBADILISHA – ‘TO CHANGE’

2017 Young Adult Immersion Trip

In partnership with the Iringa Diocese of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in Tanzania



Sub-Saharan Africa is a part of the planet known – at least in pop culture – as a place of heartbreaking need. At the same time, as it experiences rapid economic and technological growth, is it also an area marked by tremendous opportunity. With 70 percent of its population under the age of thirty it is, without a doubt, the youngest region of the world.

This May, following the practice of *accompaniment*, young adults (ages 19-29) from across the Saint Paul Area Synod are invited to walk shoulder-to-shoulder with their counterparts in Tanzania as they navigate, together, the shifting world in which they find themselves. By connecting change-makers there with change-makers here, we'll see what *new thing* God might be calling us all to.

Karibu sana. You are warmly welcome.

--- THE DETAILS ---

What? A two-week immersion trip to the Iringa Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. While in Iringa, young adults from the Saint Paul Area Synod will meet with their Tanzanian peers, learn how they are change-makers in that context, and be challenged to be instruments of change back at home.

Along the way they will engage in deep conversation, experience moving worship, and marvel at God's creation in Ruaha National Park.

Who? This trip is open to young adults (ages 19-29) affiliated with the Saint Paul Area Synod or its partner institutions.

When? Tentative travel dates are May 17-31, 2017 with three pre-departure Orientation sessions and one re-entry Debriefing session in Saint Paul required.

Cost? Estimated cost is \$3750-\$4000, based on a minimum group size of 6 people. Breakdown is as follows: Airfare \$2000, Ground Transportation \$600, Safari \$500, Lodging \$300, BKB Travel Fee \$200, Meals \$175, + Personal Spending Money. Biggest variables are airfare and ground transport based on group size.

Support? Participants' sending communities or congregations are asked to affirm their support through a minimum gift of \$1000 toward the cost of the trip.

Next Steps? Complete and submit an application form to the Saint Paul Area Synod office (peter.harrits@spas-elca.org -or- 105 University Ave W, St Paul, MN 55103 ATTN: SPAS Young Adults Trip). Preference deadline is Dec 22, 2016, with applications reviewed on a rolling basis until February 1, 2017. Questions? Call 651-224-4313.

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Name: _____ Age in May 2017: _____

Gender: _____ First time to traveling to Iringa? (Y/N) _____

Preferred Address:

Preferred email: _____

Preferred phone: _____

Education (Current/Completed):

Saint Paul Area Synod Affiliation:

Name of Congregation or Partner Institution:

References:

List two references (Name, Relationship, Email, Phone) who know you well and can speak to your interest in this trip. One should be a leader in the congregation or institution named above.

Reference 1: _____

Reference 2: _____

Respond to the following prompts with a few sentences each. Attach as a separate document if you prefer.

Describe your interest in this immersion trip. Why do you want to participate? What new learning, skill, or insight might you hope to bring back home?

Describe any significant experiences that have prepared you to participate in this immersion trip? (Educational, Professional, Cross-Cultural, etc.)

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Describe a time when you accompanied or walked beside individuals or communities who are somehow different than you. What was challenging? What was energizing?

Describe how participating in this immersion trip might connect to your faith story, however you understand it and however you tell it: