



South Church

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation — Affirming the Worth and Dignity of All People

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2026 New Orleans Learning Journey Trip Commitment

Participant **Full (official) Name** and **Date of Birth (so we can purchase flights)**:

would like to participate in the journey to New Orleans, LA scheduled for June 22-28, 2026.

Participant Expectations:

- Regular attendance at most Youth Group weekly meetings
- Participate in no less than 18 hours toward fundraising to help offset trip costs for the whole group.
- Each family must help coordinate one fundraising event
- Required attendance at the trip planning gatherings scheduled for:
 - Learning Session 1~November 23rd **4-6pm**
 - Learning Session 2~ December 14th **4-6pm**
 - Learning Session 3~ February 8th **4-6pm**
 - Learning Session 4~April 12th **4-6pm**
 - Final pre-trip gathering~ June 14th - Covenanting and finalizing trip details
 - Coordinate with group advisors asap regarding any missed sessions, for how to make up what is missed
- Learning about the story of Katrina:
We encourage parents to do this along with your youth to learn about the story of what happened in New Orleans leading up to and after hurricane Katrina. **But please be aware that this is a really sad and heartbreaking story.**
 - Films:
 - Hurricane Katrina- Race Against Time –Ryan Couglar (hulu?)
 - Katrina: Come Hell and High Water - a documentary series on Netflix
 - When the Levees Broke - a four part series created by Spike Lee (on HBO Max)
 - Trouble the Waters (available to rent for \$3 on Amazon Prime)
 - Books:
 - Come Hell or High Water: Hurricane Katrina and the Color of Disaster by, Micheal Eric Dyson
 - Salvage the Bones by, Jesmyn Ward *set in Mississippi, but is relevant.
 - The Great Deluge, by Douglas Brinkley

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Trip financial info:

___ **My family is able to contribute the family commitment portion of the cost**
(Estimated total \$600 +flight cost*). We further understand that a \$300 deposit is
due by January 4th.

___ **My family will be requesting financial assistance with the financial commitment.**
We will contact Jen Del Deo-Barry to discuss our needs.

**Final cost will depend on success of fundraising/number of participants*

Signed:

Youth

Date

Parent

Date