

In a country considered poor, not many Filipinos are homeless outside of cities where Beloved Community is still unimpeded. Not many Filipinos make trains their refuge and churches their sanctuary. Filipinos are said to easily connect with others wherever they go. And religions of every kind have caused tension with the lived religion of Filipinos that have transcended time and national boundaries. Here is a country known for speaking of love the most. Here is a country that was an open thriving international hub of travelers before the Spanish came during the Era of Discovery. Before the Spanish came, we were Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and a hundred different ethnicities, pagans and animists. Was Lived Religion better than any religion that has come to these shores? Is this why the Philippine Reformation, unlike the Reformation of the West, been more nationalistic?

The goals of this pilgrimage are: to experience the counterculture that is the Filipino Beloved Community, to assess how UUism is lived throughout the communities, and to learn to discover the counternarratives of the oppressed.

Lived Religion is an emerging field of study. Lived religion is the ethnographic and holistic framework for understanding the beliefs, practices, and everyday experiences of religious and spiritual persons in religious studies. The name lived religion comes from the French tradition of sociology of religion "la religion vécue."

Pedagogy:

1. Required readings
2. Community immersion
3. Facilitated conversations
4. Rituals and worship
5. Visual and audio presentations
6. Narrative Inquiry
6. Submission on reflections at the end



Tuition: USD 1,500 for twin sharing rooms, plus \$250 non-refundable registration fee

INCLUSIONS

- A 3-day retreat with local trainee ministers and pilgrims alike
- Visit 10 congregations
- Attend 2 unique local festivals (The Festival of Festivals "Buglasan" and The Festival of Masks "Masskara")
- Visit 2 world renowned tourist destinations for biodiversity accessible to the locals and the working class
- All meals, lodging, and land transfers

Vans and hotels are airconditioned. We have a limit of only 15 pilgrims. So register early by emailing uucp.ph@gmail.com

Faculty for this course:

1. Rev. Tet Gallardo, President of UUCP
2. Rev. Arman Pedro, VP of UUCP
3. Rev. Elvie Sienes, Minister for Partnerships
4. Rev. Henry Legaje, Minister for Faith Advocacies

OCT 16: FRIDAY

- Arrival in [Dumaguete](#) City, where the National Office of the 27 Philippine UU congregations is located. Must arrive by 2 pm. Airport code DGT.
- Afternoon [Museum](#)
- Streetdance [Buglasan Festival](#)

Lodging in [Dumaguete Hotel](#).

OCT 17: SATURDAY

- [Apo Island Tour](#)
- [Buglasan](#) tour of town booths showcasing town's handicrafts and produce

Lodging in [Dumaguete Hotel](#)

OCT 18: SUNDAY

- 10 am [Dumaguete Congregation](#) Worship
- Afternoon [TSQ gravesite](#)
- Assassination Marker - the place he was shot
- Faith Healing UU Communities:
Caican and Kabulakan Congregation
- Lodging in [Bayawan Hotel](#)

OCT 19: MONDAY

A 3-day retreat on "Beloved Community" together with trainee ministers of the UUCP at Sipalay. Includes a short visit to [Cansauro Congregation](#).

OCT 20: TUESDAY

A 3-day retreat on "Beloved Community" with trainee ministers at [Sipalay](#).

OCT 21: WEDNESDAY

A 3-day retreat on "Beloved Community" with trainee ministers at [Danjugan Island](#)

OCT 22: THURSDAY

- [Samaka Congregation](#)
- [Aquino Congregation](#)
- [Nataban Congregation](#)

Lodging at [Canlaon Hotel](#)

OCT 23: FRIDAY

Via La Castellana to Binalbagan
Going to [Inapugan Congregation](#)
Lodging at [Mambukal](#)

OCT 24: SATURDAY

Recover all day at [Mambukal](#)
Noon check out.
Bacolod City : [Masskara Festival](#)
Lodging in [Bacolod City hotel](#)

OCT 25: SUNDAY

Morning Worship at [Malingin Congregation](#)
see [Doldol Congregation](#) and [Valladolid Weaving](#).
Depart afternoon from [Bacolod City](#)
Airport code BCD.

Only a few parts of this pilgrimage may not be fully accessible, but the people involved will always make sure to "bring the event" to the limited access point.

What is great about traveling the churches is that, even though it's not Sunday and the church doesn't have activity, the surrounding farming communities are UUs and they easily congregate for guests.

REQUIRED READINGS:

The Abundance : [The Coral Triangle](#)

National Geographic [Advisory](#) before you go to the Philippines

National Geographic on [Polynesian history](#)

Was the [first global circumnavigator](#) a Filipino?

Why our counternarrative [important to learn](#).

NOTE: Negros Island is one-hour flight from Manila or 30 minutes from Cebu International Airport.