ROOTS July 2020 PILGRIMAGE
July 13-20, 2020
Kolozsvár and Aranyosszék, Transylvania (Romanian names: Cluj and the Aries River Valley)

TRIP ITINERARY

Monday, 13 July
Most North American participants will fly into Kolozsvár/Cluj (airport code CLJ) in the mid to late afternoon. They will settle into accommodations then attend a group dinner for North American travelers and Transylvanian program leaders around 19:00 (7:00 PM) at the 1568 restaurant in the House of Religious Freedom across the street from the First Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár.

Tuesday, 14 July:
Travel to and tour Verespatak/Roșia Montana/ gold mining area, then travel to Aranyosszék.

Wednesday, 15 July: BIRTH/ORIGIN
8–9 Breakfast
9.30 –10.15 Panel: Where do we come from where do we go?
   Presentation about personal, familial, and communal origin – theological introduction
10.15–10.45 Discussion, questions
10.45–11.15 Break
11.15–13.00 Panel: our Unitarian origin (the origin of Transylvanian and American Unitarianism – a historical and cultural introduction)
13.00–13.30 Discussion, questions
14.00–15.30 Lunch
15.30–16.30 Departure to Várfalva, visiting the inscription from 1613, one of the earliest evidences of the use of Unitarian word.
16.30–17.45 Workshop: Drawing our family tree
17.45–18.00 Lightning Round: Demographics
18.00–18.30 Spirituality: Várfalva sanctuary
19.00–20.00 Dinner
20.00–22.00 Activity: wine-tasting
Thursday, 16 July: DEVELOPMENT THROUGH RELATIONSHIP

8–9      Breakfast
9.30 –11.00  Panel: What defines me and how do I contribute to the world? How do I define myself in relation with my surroundings?
            Keywords: experience, personal growth, learning and development in context
11.00–11.30  Discussion, questions
11.30–11.50  Break
11.50–14.00  Action: Being helpful (work session - divided into groups doing volunteer work. This day we will be in charge for our food etc.)
14.00–15.30  Lunch
15.30–16.30  Action: moving to Kövend, the earlier center of a self-sustainable movement
16.30–17.15  Workshop: The self-sustainable community
17.15–17.30  Lightning Round: folk high schools
17.45–18.15  Spirituality: Kövend church
19.00–20.00  Dinner
20.00–22.00  Activity: Folkdance

Friday, 17 July: FULFILLMENT

8–9      Breakfast
9.30 –10.15  Panel: Presentation about the purpose of our work, what do we strive for, and how do we use the fruit of our work. – theological introduction
10.15–10.45  Discussion, questions
10.45–11.15  Break
11.15–13.00  Panel: fulfilment – family, smaller, larger family as core of society. What is the ideal community? Why society is not community.
13.00–13.30  Discussion, questions
14.00–15.30  Lunch
15.30–16.30  Departure to “Kicsi ház” – panoramic view of the Aranyos river valley
16.30–17.45  Workshop
17.45–18.00  Lightning Round: Together in the Valley of God
18.00–18.30  Spirituality: Mészkő sanctuary
19.00–20.00  Dinner
20.00–22.00  Activity: singing together

Saturday, 18 July: DEATH/GRIEF
8.00–9.00  Breakfast
9.30 –10.15  Panel: Do I also die? – a theological interpretation of dying
10.15–10.45  Discussion, questions
10.45–11.15  Break
11.15–13.00  Panel: Rites of passing— theological and ethnographical introduction
13.00–13.30  Discussion, questions
14.00–15.30  Lunch
15.30–16.30  Departure to Torockó
16.30–18.00  Visiting the local cemetery and ethnographic museum in Torockó
18.00–18.30  Spirituality: Torockó sanctuary
19.00–20.00  Dinner
20.00–22.00  Preparation for worship

Sunday, 19 July: WORSHIP DAY
8.00–9.00  Breakfast
9.00–16.00  Time with partner church OR trip to Torda Gorge—individual choice
16.00–17.00  Roots Pilgrimage worship
17.00–17.30  Evaluation of the week
18:00–19:30  Dinner
20:00  Bus departure for Kolozsvár/Cluj

Monday, 20 July:  Fly home or travel to Budapest if extension is offered

Wednesday, 20-22 July: (potential 3 day/2 night Budapest extension)