

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/Roşia 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:** Mészkö 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)