

Multicultural and Ecumenical Spiritual Journey In the Footsteps of Jesus and Rome

October 16 - 29, 2023



Bishop Jim Gonia

Bishop of Rocky Mountain Synod ELCA since 2012. He served as a missionary in Madagascar from 1988 to 1998. From 1998 to 2009 he was called as the associate pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church in Denver. Prior to his election as bishop, he served the ELCA's churchwide ministries as Global Mission Area Program Director for West Africa, Tanzania and Madagascar.

In this position Bishop Gonia was responsible for overseeing the ELCA's programs and relationships with Lutheran church bodies and partners in nine African countries.



Bishop Karen Oliveto

Bishop of the Mountain Sky Conference of The UMC, overseeing 370 congregations in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah. Born on Good Friday and raised in Babylon. She has served as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Pacific School of Religion and has been an adjunct professor of UM Studies, Evangelism and Mission, and Pastoral /Prophetic Leadership at several seminaries.

She is the author of numerous articles and hymns and has written three books: Holy Conversations: Talking About Homosexuality (Pilgrim Press: 2005), Those Strangely Warmed Hearts: Coming Out Into God's Call (Abingdon: 2018), and Together at the Table: Diversity Without Division in The United Methodist Church (Westminster John Knox: 2018). The first openly LGBTQ bishop in the UMC, she is married to Robin Ridenour, a deaconess and retired nurse anesthetist. They met at Jr. High Church Camp (as counselors!).

Package Price Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare
- 13 Nights accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels
- Breakfast and dinner Daily
- Sixteen days sightseeing in modern air-conditioned private bus
- Bilingual speaking government licensed tour guide
- Special visits with local Christian communities

Bishop Kym Lucas

Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Colorado Since 2019. Lucas became the first woman bishop as well as the first African American bishop in the diocese's 132-year history. Prior to her election as bishop, she served as Rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. from January 2012 to 2019. Bishop Kym grew up in Spring Lake North Carolina and received

her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Wake Forest University. She received her Master of Divinity, New Testament, at Union Theological Seminary in New York.



The Rev. Quirino Cornejo (QC)

Rev. QC a member of the RMS bishop's staff as the "Minister for Multicultural Witness," sharing this position with the Episcopal Church in Colorado. The main purpose and mission of this new position is to fully reflect the richness and unity of the Body of Christ by welcoming and embracing each person in their wholeness, and by assisting congregations & communities to become more culturally

diverse and truly inclusive by engaging in cross-cultural and racial equity learning. QC develops Multicultural Ministries for the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He is the Pastor of the Latino Congregation of Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey.



*** Package Price ***

\$4,590.00 From Denver CO, (DEN)
\$3,590.00 (Holy Land only)

Holy Land and Rome Pilgrimage

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Day 1: Departure

Depart for your overnight flight to the Holy Land. Meals will be served onboard.

Day 2: Arrival

Arrive, meet, assist and transfer by coach to your hotel in Tiberias, Dinner and overnight.

Day 3: Cana – Nazareth – Haifa

After breakfast, leave for Cana of Galilee: the place of the first miracle of Jesus. Continue to Nazareth and start a walking tour from Mary's Fountain till the Basilica of the Annunciation for a visit to Mary's House, the Upper Basilica, the Museum and the Church of the Holy Family. In the afternoon, leave for Haifa, capital of the industry and the major port. Ascend to Mount Carmel passing by the Persian Gardens of the Bahai sect. Visit the Church of Stella Maris, the birthplace of the Carmelite Order which contains a natural grotto of the Prophet Elijah. Back to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Sea of Galilee – Mount Tabor – River Jordan

After breakfast, leave to Mount of Beatitudes to recall the Sermon of the Mountain. Continue to Tabgha (Heptapegon) for a visit to the Church of the Multiplication of Fish and Loaves, admiring the well conserved Byzantine mosaic from the fifth century. Then visit the small chapel of the Primacy of St. Peter before heading to Capernaum, the Town of Jesus for a detailed visit of its ruins: the remains of the House of Peter, the "Insula Sacra" and the White Synagogue. Then, you will experience a boat ride crossing along the Sea of Galilee. In the afternoon, ascend to Mount Tabor and visit the Basilica of the Transfiguration, built on the ruins of two earlier sanctuaries: Byzantine and Crusader. Descend and continue to River Jordan where we will have the opportunity to renew your baptismal vows. Back to your hotel in Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Tiberias – Qumran – Dead Sea – Jericho – Bethlehem

After breakfast, leave Tiberias through the Jordan Valley and travel Southwards to Qumran to visit the ruins of the Essenes Monastery and view the Caves of the Scrolls. Transfer then to the Dead Sea for a possible bath in its salty waters. Continue to Jericho, considered as the oldest city in the world for a visit to Tel El-Sultan, the site of the biblical Jericho and view of Mount of Temptation. In the afternoon, drive through the Judean Desert, passing by the Good Samaritan Inn to Bethlehem, the city of King David. Arrive to your selected hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6: Mount of Olives and Mount Zion

After breakfast, drive to Mount of Olives for a visit to the Ascension Chapel and then to Pater Noster Church. Walk down to the small Chapel of Dominus Flevit and enjoy a panoramic view of the Holy City with all its major shrines. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane for a visit to the Church of Agony (called also of All Nations) and Mary's Tomb in the Josaphat Valley. In the afternoon, explore Mount of Zion: St. Peter in Gallicantu, David's Tomb, the Last Supper Room (The Cenacle) and the Dormition Abbey. Then entering Zion's Gate, walk through the Cardo Maximus and the Jewish Quarter to the Wailing Wall. Back to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Jerusalem New City – Ein Karem – Bethlehem

After breakfast, an orientation tour through the New City of Jerusalem, passing by the Knesset (the Parliament) and the Hebrew University to the Israel Museum for a visit the Model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple. (Possible visit to the Shrine of the Book which hosts most of the Dead Sea

Scrolls and findings). Continue then to Ein Karem, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist for a visit to the Church that recalls his birth and the one of the Visitation. In the afternoon, drive to Bethlehem for a detailed visit to the Basilica of the Nativity: the Grotto of Nativity, the Manger, St. Catherine Church, St. Joseph and St. Jerome Chapels. Continue to the village of Beit Sahour to visit the Shepherds' Field with the natural grottos and the remains of the Byzantine churches and monasteries. Back to your hotel in Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

Day 8: OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

After breakfast, transfer to the Lions' Gate and enter the Old City for a visit to St. Anne Church and the Pool of Bethesda. Continue then walking through the Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross) to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher for a detailed visit to Mount Calvary, the Holy Tomb and St. Helen Chapel. In the afternoon, free time for rest and/or personal activities. It could be dedicated to walk one more time through the narrow streets of the Old City of Jerusalem, Back to Bethlehem. Farewell dinner at a special Bedouin style restaurant with the intervention of a traditional folkloric dance group, overnight at the hotel.

Day 9: Bethlehem – Tel Aviv Airport – Rome

After breakfast and in due time, transfer to Tel Aviv Airport to board your flight to Rome, assistance in the check-in procedures. Arrive at Rome airport, meet, assist, and transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 10: Rome

After breakfast we'll be transferred to the Vatican to attend the Papal audience. In the afternoon we'll have a guided tour into the Vatican Museums and St. Peter Basilica. Back to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 11: Rome Classical and Ancient

After breakfast we'll dedicate this day to explore the most important churches and monuments of Rome starting with Santa Maria Maggiore, San Giovanni in Laterano. Then we'll visit the famous roman Coliseum with the Forum. Panoramic tour through the streets of Rome. Passing by the monument of Vittorio Emanuele. Then continue for a walking tour to visit the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Spagna and the Spanish steps. Back to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 12: Rome – Assisi

After breakfast leave to Assisi (Approximately three hours), the hometown of St. Francis. Upon arrival in Assisi, your group will check-in, enjoy dinner, before retiring to your room for a restful night's sleep.. Arrive, dinner and overnight.

Day 13: Assisi - Rome

This morning, your group will enjoy breakfast followed by a full day of touring the hometown of St. Francis. St. Francis is the "Patron Saint of Animals and the Environment." you will become captivated as the atmosphere has not changed since St. Francis began his ministry, in the early 13th-century. During the tour, your group will have the opportunity to visit the tomb of St. Francis at his Basilica. After visiting this beautiful Basilica, your group will enjoy some free time on your own. Lastly, your group will transfer to Rome. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 14: Rome – USA

After breakfast and in due time, transfer to Rome Airport to board your flight back home.

Note: *While we do our very best at making sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your tour leader and tour guide.

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ACCEPTANCE: Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print

<div><div>Trip date:</div><div>October 16 - 29, 2023</div></div>		<div>Package Price: \$4,590.00 From Denver CO, (DEN) or</div> <div>Holy Land only \$3,590.00</div> <div>Single supplement (Private Room): \$950.00</div>	
<div>Package price includes the following:</div> <div><div>Meet & Assist at Airports upon arrivals and departures.</div><div>Round trip airline tickets.</div><div>All entrance fees</div><div>All night accommodation in double occupancy with breakfast and dinner.</div><div>Fourteen days sightseeing in modern air-conditioned private bus.</div><div>Bilingual speaking government licensed Christian guide on duty.</div><div>Special visits with local Christian communities</div></div>		<div>Package price does not include the following:</div> <div><div>Lunches and soft drinks.</div><div>Tips for Guide, Driver .</div><div>All Personal Expenses.</div><div>Travel Insurance.</div><div>All prices reflect a 4% cash discount and is forfeited when using a credit card</div></div>	
		<div>I agree to the conditions as stated above</div> <div>payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the “Fine Print</div> <div><div>Notes:</div><div>All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double room, Pax rooming alone is subject to single supplement, and maximum capacity of the bus is 50 Pax. All prices are VAT inclusive</div></div>	



RESERVATION APPLICATION

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Group Reference Number: **RHL061623**

Package Selection:

Rome & Holy Land **\$4,590.00** ☐

Holy Land Only **\$3,590.00** ☐

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Full Name (as printed on your passport):				
First Name:		Middle Name:		Last Name:
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):			Date of birth:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address:	Street:		Mobile phone:	Home phone:
City:	State:	Zip code:	Work phone:	
Email address:				

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Country of citizenship:	Passport number:
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:
Frequent flyer number:	Known traveler number:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one:	Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/>	Single occupancy (Private Room) \$950.00 additional <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>*All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/Triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement*</i>		
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:		
If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:
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I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **\$500.00 per person** made payable to

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