

Jinishian Memorial Program
Mission Trip to Armenia
September 26 – October 6, 2019

(All trips subjected to change in itinerary and/or cancellation)

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Day 1, Sep. 26 Thursday	6:00 pm Meeting at Ani Plaza Hotel lobby Dinner at Lavash Restaurant	Arrival to Yerevan International Airport Check in at Ani Plaza Hotel or apartments
Day 2, Sep. 27 Friday	8:00-10:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Coordination meeting at JMF office Yerevan City Tour 12:00 pm Lunch 3:00 pm Visit to the History Museum of Armenia 6:00 pm Dinner at Anteb Restaurant Cultural program (Opera, dance, or music)	Yerevan is the capital of Armenia situated on the Hrazdan River, north-east of the Ararat plain. The population of Yerevan is estimated to be about one million people. The history of Yerevan dates back to the 8th century BC. Yerevan is a city of Christian cathedrals, theatres and museums, universities and academies, parks and research labs, squares and industrial sites.
Day 3, Sep. 28 Saturday	8:00-10:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Trip to Zvartnots Cathedral 12:00 pm Lunch boxes Trip to Lukashin village of Armavir Region. Visit to micro-lending projects supporting economic development of farming communities. 5:00 pm Dinner with farmers. Enjoy fresh, ecologically clean fruits and vegetables from the gardens.	Zvartnots Cathedral famous for its unique design was built between 643 and 652 A.D. by Catholicos Nerses III (nicknamed the Builder). In 930 AD the church was ruined by an earthquake and remained buried until its rediscovery in the early 20th century. JMF Micro-lending Project provides affordable loans to farmer cooperatives to support small farmers and agricultural development. Nearly 50% of Armenian's workforce is involved in agriculture.
Day 4, Sep. 29 Sunday	8:00-9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Tour of the Holy Echmiadzin, Liturgy Service. Visit to the Church Museum 12:00-1:00 pm Lunch and visit to Vocational Education project at Cross of Armenian Unity Art Center NGO. 3:00 pm Vernissage (handicraft market) 6:00 pm Dinner	The district of the Holy Echmiadzin (one-hour drive from Yerevan) is the "Vatican City" of Armenia as the center of the Armenian Apostolic Church. It is the seat of the Catholicos of All Armenians and the most populous city in Armavir province, about 20 km west of Yerevan. The original cathedral was founded in 301 and is one of the first churches in the Christian world. Vernissage (walking distance from the city center) is an open-air market of local handicraft jewelries, carpets, art work, carved wood ornaments, etc.

<p>Day 5, Sep. 30 Monday</p>	<p>8:00-9:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 am Trip to Stepanavan city and Odzun village (3-hour drive). Visit to Odzun church.</p> <p>12:00 pm Lunch Father Vrtanes and his family</p> <p>Visit the Engineering Lab Establishment in Stepanavan project</p> <p>Visit the Youth Business Support young entrepreneur businesses</p> <p>6:00 pm Dinner</p> <p>Overnight in Stepanavan city</p>	<p>This magnificent 7th century Odzun church is situated in the north of Armenia in the village of Odzun (3 hours from Yerevan) built by Catholicos Hovhannes of Odzun. According to a legend, when Hovhannes was at prayer, two dragons fell upon his residence. Hovhannes made the sign of the Cross before them and the two dragons instantly turned into stone. These stone dragons exist today.</p> <p>The Engineering Lab Establishment in Stepanavan project is aimed at developing IT education environment in Stepanavan and surrounding areas and creating prerequisites for potential employment in IT sector.</p> <p>Youth Business Armenia project helps young people to start their own business and makes a direct impact on unemployment and the social state of the regions of Armenia. In remote communities of Armenia, 33 small businesses of young entrepreneurs, aged 23 to 36, are empowered to start and grow sustainably.</p>
<p>Day 6, Oct. 1 Tuesday</p>	<p>8:00-9:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 am Trip to Shirak region, Gyumri city (2-hour drive)</p> <p>Gyumri city tour</p> <p>11:00 am Visit to the Our Lady of Armenia Convent, orphanage and vocational school</p> <p>1:00-2:00 pm Lunch at the Convent</p> <p>4:00 pm Meeting with the Civic Dialogue and Action for Change project activists</p> <p>6:00 pm Dinner in Cherkezi Dzor Restaurant, Gyumri city Back to Yerevan city</p>	<p>Gyumri is the second city of Armenia and one of the oldest cities in the world. The earliest settlement dates back 2500 years and is known as the center of traditional Armenian architecture, science, and tourism. The inhabitants have gained the reputation of hospitality and a rich sense of humor.</p> <p>The Congregation of the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception is a religious order of nuns established in 1847 in Constantinople for the purpose of educating the Armenian youth.</p> <p>The Civic Dialogue and Action for Change project encourages university students to become active citizens in their communities by empowering them to identify problems and implement creative solutions.</p>
<p>Day 7, Oct. 2 Wednesday</p>	<p>8:00-9:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>9:00-10:00 am Visit to Lake Sevan and Sevanavank Monastery</p> <p>12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch at Sevan restaurant</p> <p>1:00 pm Visit to the Youth Engaged in Society project at Sevan city School. Watch a school debate on current political/social issue of the country.</p> <p>4:00 pm Back to Yerevan city</p> <p>7:00 pm Dinner in Yerevan</p>	<p>Sevanavank is a monastic complex located on a peninsula at the northwestern shore of Lake Sevan in the Gegharkunik Province of Armenia, not far from the town of Sevan. According to an inscription in one of the churches, the monastery of Sevanavank was founded in 874 AD by Princess Mariam, the daughter of Ashot I (who became a king a decade later).</p> <p>The Youth Engaged in Society project is aimed at fostering democracy and developing civically responsible citizens through the establishment of debate clubs in Armenia. The project began in 2005 and is active in more than 100 schools of Armenian regions.</p>

<p>Day 8, Oct. 3 Thursday</p>	<p>8:00-9:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 am Visit to Khor Virap Monastery and Noravanq Monastery (1-hour drive)</p> <p>12:00 pm Lunch in Noravanq Trip to Goris city (2-hour drive) Goris city tour</p> <p>6:00 pm Dinner at Mirhav Hotel</p> <p>Overnight stay at Mirhav Hotel in Goris city</p>	<p>Khor Virap (1-hour drive from Yerevan) is a place of pilgrimage for Armenians all over the world, where Armenian pagan king Trdat imprisoned Saint Gregory the Illuminator for refusing to acknowledge the Goddess Anahit. From here one can enjoy the majestic view of Mount Ararat.</p> <p>Noravanq Monastery (1.5-hour drive from Yerevan), situated on a ledge over Arpa River gorge surrounded by fantastic red rocks, was founded in the place of an ancient monastery and took on special significance as a cultural and religious center in the 13-14th centuries. On the territory of the complex there are several khachkars (cross stones) of original design the most valuable of which is a khachkar by Momik dating to 1308 AD.</p>
<p>Day 9, Oct. 4 Friday</p>	<p>8:00-9:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 am Visit to Tatev Monastery. Wings of Tatev cableway</p> <p>12:00 pm Lunch at Tatevantun Restaurant</p> <p>Drive back to Yerevan (3-hour drive)</p> <p>6:00 pm Dinner in Yerevan</p>	<p>Tatev Monastery is a masterpiece of confluence of ingenious medieval architecture and fabulous natural beauty of Armenia. It is one of the most spectacular attractions and famous spiritual and education centers of the Middle Ages.</p> <p>Wings of Tatev is the longest reversible aerial tramway (3.5 miles) that holds the record for <i>Longest non-stop double track cable car</i>.</p>
<p>Day 10, Oct. 5 Saturday</p>	<p>8:00-9:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 am Visit to Geghard Monastery (1-hour drive)</p> <p>Visit to Garni Pagan temple</p> <p>1:00 pm Lunch in Garni</p> <p>3:00 pm Back to the hotel. Free time</p> <p>7:30 pm Closing dinner at Yerevan Pandok Restaurant</p>	<p>Garni Pagan Temple was built in the first century and devoted to one of the Armenian Pagan Gods, Mitra. It is the only example of the Hellenistic culture in the territory of the whole Caucasus. The fortress is situated in a picturesque mountain locality and commands a broad panorama of orchards, fields and mountain slopes covered with motley carpets of aricolored grasses, of the jagged and precipitous canyon of the Azat river.</p> <p>The Monastery of Geghard (the Lance) is located 40 km southeast of the city of Yerevan in the mountainous region of Kotayk. Inscriptive and documentary references to the monastery, also known as Ayrivanq, date from the 7th and 10th centuries, respectively. It is famous for its rock-carved chapel of St. Astvatsatsin.</p>
<p>Day 11, Oct 6 Sunday</p>	<p>Departures</p>	

**Jinishian Memorial Program Study Tour to Armenia
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Due: June 1, 2019

BASIC INFORMATION: (Please fill in all fields)

Name (First, Middle, Last) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: daytime _____ evening _____ mobile _____

E-mail _____ Passport Number _____ Expiration: _____

Do you have any health or dietary restrictions? _____

D.O.B. _____ (mm/dd/yy) Gender _____

Present Occupation _____

Armenian? No Yes If yes, please specify fluency: _____

Please provide two emergency contacts:

Name #1 _____ Relationship to you _____ Known Years _____

Phone _____ City _____ State _____

Name #2 _____ Relationship to you _____ Known Years _____

Phone _____ City _____ State _____

FINANCES: The \$1,500 trip cost per person is LAND ONLY (includes food, housing and all in-country transportation) and does not include air travel or paying passport fees. Participants are encouraged to seek financial and prayer support from their home churches, families and friends. Final payment is due 30 days before departure or space will be cancelled. Payments may be made online or by check payable to "Jinishian Memorial Program" with "Study tour 2019" in the memo area. Total trip price will be refunded for any cancellation within 60 days of departure.

APPLICATION: Submit your completed application by email or mail along with a \$500 deposit (refundable up to 60 days before departure). **The deadline is June 1, 2019:**

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QUESTIONS? Contact us at jinishian@pcusa.org or 502-544-9294

AIRLINE TICKETS: Once airline tickets have been purchased and issued, they are typically non-refundable and airline rules apply, even in the event of a JMP change or cancellation. For this reason, we encourage all participants to purchase travel insurance. Cancellation and a variety of travel supplementary protections are available from a variety of vendors.

JMP CHANGES/CANCELLATION: All trips are subject to change of itinerary and/or cancellation.

The Study Tour may travel to remote areas reached by long rides over bumpy roads, so participants should be physically independent. A "Waiver and Release" form will be sent for you to sign before departure. Please initial here to verify that you have read the preceding statements: _____

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____