

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# 2025 NAVAJOLAND SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

April 29-May 6, 2025



IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE, REACH OUT TO  
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Last year, St. James's Mission Committee began discerning a relationship with the Episcopal Church in Navajoland. A small group took an exploratory trip to prayerfully consider what possibilities existed. In accordance with the Mission Committee's new vision and guiding principles, the next step in this discernment is to lead a pilgrimage to further explore and pursue this relationship. However, we will be using the phrase "Spiritual Journey" rather than "pilgrimage," due to the complex history between indigenous people and colonialism.

This trip will be like a traditional pilgrimage insofar as we hope you will go deeper spiritually and in your life in Christ by encountering Jesus in a new, beautiful, and unfamiliar place while coming to terms with the complexities around indigenous history in America. It is unlike a traditional pilgrimage insofar as we hope that the relationship with the Episcopal Church in Navajoland and people there will continue well beyond the initial pilgrimage and will hopefully lead to new opportunities for mutual ministry in the future.

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## Details

Information Session October 14th 5-5:45 in Michaux House 302

Cost: \$1250 per person (this includes everything except airfare, which will be purchased separately)

Spots Available: 12

Registration: <https://doers.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/71/responses/new>

Deadline to register is Dec. 1, and \$250 deposit due upon registration.

Ages: 18+

Itinerary (subject to change): We'll fly into Albuquerque, NM, visit the Good Shepherd Mission in Fort Defiance, NM, head to Canyon de Chelly, and then spend 3 days in Bluff, Utah

Additional Meetings: Participants will also be required to engage in work to prepare for the Spiritual Journey, which will include reading books and attending 4 sessions either in person or on Zoom



# OUR CO-LEADERS

## Rev. Carol Maher



As the founder of ManyWaters Ministries, Carol's unique background in the arts and ministry enables her to provide an environment for intuitive thinking, creativity, and appreciation for diversity. Carol began her ministry out of spiritual reflection and discernment in 1997. The ministry offers opportunities for appreciative coaching, spiritual encouragement and education, expressive art workshops and retreats, leadership development, and community building. Carol partners with diverse faith communities, such as her Navajo friends at St John the Baptizer, Montezuma Creek, UT and other congregations of the Diocese of Navajoland. With them, she facilitates a biannual spiritual journey called "Walking in Beauty" that is life-changing as participants listen and learn the Navajo worldview of living a balanced life in harmony and peace as expressed in the Beauty Way Prayer.

## Rev. Paula Henson



Rev. Paula serves as a priest in Montezuma Creek, UT. Using the skills learned from various training and classes throughout her life has supported Paula's ministry with the Episcopal Church of Navajoland as assigned. Rev. Paula started a craft group with local elders in the community where they join in fellowship and create stunning traditional rug weavings and other crafts. Paula finds her community nourishing and fulfilling. She greets the people with clanship and loves to listen to their stories which are rich in history.

Rev. Blake Singer will also be along for the ride, but as a fellow journeyer rather than an official leader.