Messiah Lutheran Church

Atlanta Immersion Trip Covenant

When asked which commandment in the law is greatest, Jesus replied: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22)

As you prepare for the Atlanta Trip, these twin statements converge as one. As you travel to be fully physically, spiritually, and mentally present with others in a different place, you are called to express the love of God in Christ. As you learn and grow from the experience, your neighbor’s life becomes entwined with yours.

**Thou Shall:**

* Faithfully attend worship, read God’s word, and pray for the Church, the world, and God’s people.
* Be open to new ideas, new cultures, new discoveries.
* Do your part in building and sustaining our mission team.
* Attend Atlanta Meetings, participate in fundraisers, offer good ideas, and “go the extra mile” when asked to do so.
* Be patient, practice active listening, and be open to personal growth.
* Attend at least TWO of the FOUR pre-trip service projects.
* Honor deadlines for paperwork and other pre-trip milestones.
* Be a team player.

**Thou Shall Not:**

* Speak or act in a way the erodes community.
* Disparage persons/communities we engage while in Atlanta.
* Break federal/state/local laws. (I know, a little extreme)
* Neglect your God-given gifts.

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Name of Participant (Legibly, please)

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