

An aerial photograph of a river delta at sunset. The river branches out into many smaller channels, creating a complex pattern of water and land. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds, and the mountains in the background are silhouetted against the light. The entire scene is framed by a thin white border.

# SISTER PARISH, INC. VIRTUAL DELEGATIONS

# Organize a Sister Parish Virtual Delegation!



BUILD COMMUNITY



PROMOTE SOLIDARITY



NO PASSPORT, NO  
TICKETS, NO TRAVEL...

# What is a virtual delegation?

- Spend one week attending live calls, sharing videos, reading reflections, and engaging with your community:
  - Connect with people in your partner community
  - Learn about current events and social movements
  - Start your day with a reflection
  - Share a meal
  - Reflect and refresh with other delegates, community members, and Sister Parish staff
- A great cross-cultural opportunity for people of all ages!
- Contact Carrie Stengel at [delegations@sisterparish.org](mailto:delegations@sisterparish.org) to start planning



# AGENDA

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Talk to your partner community about priorities for the delegation.
- For a one-week delegation, plan for 2-3 live calls, 3-4 videos, and a daily email/reflection.
- Plan a wide variety of engagement materials – live calls, recorded videos, written materials, and ways to connect spiritually, culturally and on social justice issues.
- If your partner community does not have reliable access to technology, consider organizing fewer live calls and substitute with organized events to raise the profile of the relationship in your community.
- Consider including orientation sessions pre-delegation.



**Welcome to the delegation**

**Bienvenidos a la delegación**





# ACTIVITY

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ideas for videos:
  - Music and story telling videos
  - A “video visit” to your community and/or social ministries
  - Language videos
- Ideas for live calls:
  - Share recipes and a meal together
  - Guided spiritual reflection
  - Current events presentations
  - Share music, dance, Zoom Zumba, etc.
  - Ask participants to bring something to the call
- Ideas for activities:
  - Sister Parish-themed service at your church
  - “Tour” of your partner community for youth or children, with pictures, games, food, coloring packets, scavenger hunt, story telling, etc.
  - Co-coordinate an event with allied ministries



# PLANNING

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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**5-6 months** out – Start planning, brainstorm agenda ideas, set fundraising goals.

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**4 months** out – share promotional materials (website, social media, etc.), collect raw video footage and written materials.

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**2 months** out – finalize videos and materials, share updated delegation agenda, collect funds, promote participation

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**1 month** out– subtitle videos, translate materials, confirm presenters and facilitators, finalize daily emails, promote

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**1 week** out – sign-up deadline, remind participants of agenda and how to connect (Zoom, Google Meet, etc.)





# BUDGET

## CONSIDERATIONS

- Sister Parish Virtual Delegation: \$3,000-\$5,000 suggested donation.
- Churches can decide on a per-delegate suggested donation (\$100-250 per person with a minimum total raised), a church donation to cover participants, or a combination of both. Consider plan to support people who cannot contribute suggested amount.
- Donations cover costs as well as program fees that provide much-needed income to the organization during the pandemic. Budget includes a) data phone plans for your partner community to connect to live calls; b) contracted video/photo/subtitling support, if needed; c) staff stipend; d) honorariums for speakers, if needed, etc.



# connection solidarity action

- We can't wait to organize in-person delegations again, when that is safe.
- This year, virtual delegations will allow us to strengthen our solidarity and share our joys and our struggles for justice while we wait.
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