

This could be YOU!



Ahoy there, Disciples! Let's go cruising!

In 2016 (Jan. 31 - Feb. 7), Florida Disciples and the Sr. Adult Ministry will sponsor their 7th cruise opportunity, and we'd love for you to be a passenger on board! Disciples and their friends and families will be joining us from Florida and around the country for this special 7 days together. Here's how it works:

On the days we are "at sea", we gather as a group in a private meeting room for Bible study or a worship experience for an hour at some point during the day (early morning or late afternoon). On this cruise, our Regional Minister, Rev. Juan Rodriguez, will be our guest speaker, and he is warm, loving and humorous...and a spiritual giant (in my opinion). His wife, Sonia, will be our worship leader, and she has the gift of turning every song into a worship experience. We also have reserved seating for the dinner meal so that we are sitting in the same area, which is also great fun. However, you can also feel free to eat at other restaurants on board. Other than these designated times, you enjoy shipboard activities. You can do it all...or none at all. After all, it is your vacation!

On the days we are "in port", we do not plan any gathering of our group that might provide a conflict with all of the great things you will want to see on land!

We will be sailing on Holland America's ship, The Veendam, out of Tampa. Holland America's ships are mid-sized ships, and the Veendam only has 1,350 passengers, with a crew of about 600. Wow, that provides amazing service! Get ready to be spoiled, 24 hours a day. They do have programs on board for children and youth, but they mainly cater to adults, and even though they offer a great variety of activities for every hour during the day, the atmosphere is a bit more relaxing and peaceful than many of the larger cruise lines. It is perfect for our Disciples group...and I hope for your family as well.

The basic itinerary for our trip looks like this:

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016

Ship departs from Tampa at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 1 Key West

Tuesday, Feb. 2 At sea

Wed., Feb. 3 Banana Coast of Honduras

Thurs., Feb. 4 Guatemala

Fri., Feb. 5 Costa Maya, Mexico

Sat., Feb. 6 At sea

Sun., Feb. 7 Disembark back at Tampa at 7:00 a.m.

I am attaching a flyer to this letter from our Travel Agent, Dean Skinner at Indian River Travel, with a lot of details about the cruise. He is a wonderful "answer man" and would be delighted to talk with you about the pricing, payment options, cabin arrangements, etc. Most cabins are for 2 people, but they also have some family cabins that house more folks comfortably. I hope you might give Dean a call, toll free at 877-626-6110. You'll enjoy talking with him.

Dean handles our shipboard arrangements with Holland America, and I handle the "Disciples" portion of the cruise. Feel free to contact both of us with your questions!

I will be looking forward to meeting you in person - on board our cruise to the Western Caribbean. We'll be having a great time as we enjoy the beauty of God's great creation and as we worship together.

Peace,

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