

Go on a Spring Tour of China with the Amity Foundation

Where: Hunan with a stop in Beijing, China

When: April 18–26, 2012

How much: US\$1,200 (*does not include international airfare, visa fees, or travel insurance*)

Registration deadline: February 1, 2012

Payment deadline: February 29, 2012

Purpose

"Easter Tours" are organized by the Amity Foundation in cooperation with the China Christian Council (CCC), both United Church partners. Each year Amity brings an international delegation to visit churches and Amity projects in various parts of China to strengthen links between Chinese churches and the ecumenical community. A group of 12 to 20 people, mostly church representatives from Europe, North America, and Asia, travels to one province, visiting urban and rural congregations, and meeting with a range of church and community leaders.

Focus on Hunan

Hunan, the birth province of the country's former Chairman Mao Zedong, is located in South-Central China. Rice cultivation is important here, though 80 percent of the province is covered by mountains and hills. The pace of economic and social development is relatively slow when compared to other provinces in China. Amity started a variety of rural development projects in the province in mid 1990s, many in collaboration with local Protestant churches. Churches are becoming more and more willing to step out of the church buildings and bear witness to their faith in the community.

Beijing

Arriving in Beijing on April 18, 2012, participants will meet with Chinese church leaders and Christian youth, scholars, and religious affairs officials. They will also have the opportunity to visit the Forbidden City. The group will fly to Hunan and visit local churches, Amity, and church-run projects. Participants depart for home on April 26 from Beijing.

Costs

The cost of US\$1,200 includes domestic airfare, food, accommodation (3- to 4-star, shared rooms), and local transport in Beijing and Hunan. For single occupancy, add US\$200 per person for the trip. The price quoted *does not include the international airfare between country of origin and Beijing, visa fees, or travel insurance.*

Contact Amity

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