



Seeking the Shalom of the City: Revisiting and Re-visioning Louisville

Seek the Shalom of the city into which I have sent you, and pray to the Holy One on its behalf, for in its peace you will find your peace.

- Jeremiah 29:7

Virtual Journey FAQ

What type of offering is this?

This virtual journey takes participants through the city of Louisville to deepen and expand their relationship with the city. It invites participants to see the forgotten and erased parts of Louisville's history through the lens of social justice. It provides time to reflect open-heartedly on how to both claim the past and shape the future of this place we call home. Schools, churches, organizations, and groups purchase the entire program and facilitate it themselves. CrossRoads staff does not facilitate it.

Where will we “go” and what issues will the virtual journey include?

The journey takes participants, via video, to both familiar and unfamiliar places in the city, with the invitation to see each place with fresh perspective. “Stops” and themes include:

- Standing on the Bones of Our Ancestors: Founders Square across from the Cathedral of the Assumption- indigenous roots

- Becoming a Better Ancestor; The Re-education of White America; and The Promise of Progress: Roots 101: African American Museum- slavery, education, and studying history from multiple perspectives
- City Splitting: the 9th Street Divide- racial segregation, past and present
- Choosing Jail for Justice: the old Quinn Chapel- civil rights era protests
- Bringing Gifts and Bringing Needs: Casa Latina Catholic Worker- creating hospitality and building community across cultures
- Justice Is Intersectional: the Carl Braden Memorial Center- Anne and Carl Braden, intersectional justice work
- The Work Continues: Jefferson Square Park- the justice system, 2020 protests
- Shining Like the Sun: Merton Square- seeing all people and our city “shining like the sun”

How long is each “stop”?

Each “stop” consists of 4 parts:

- an introductory framing for the video
- a video that is 7 to 21 minutes long
- time for individual reflection with guiding questions and journaling
- time for conversation to share questions, insights, and thoughts-in-process with one another.

It is recommended that 5-10 minutes be given for journaling and 10-20 minutes for discussion for each stop.

A complete stop with video, journaling, and discussion may be 25-50 minutes long, though only allowing 25 minutes would offer very little time for personal and group reflection. There are two stops (*Becoming a Better Ancestor* and *The Work Continues*) that we recommend extending the discussion even longer, up to 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Do we have to use all the stops?

The format is flexible, so that you can offer it over several days, class periods, OR all at once.

While you may choose not to use all segments of the virtual journey, we would recommend using at least half (4), plus the opening and closing sessions, with a group. CrossRoads can suggest different “paths” for your journey if you choose not to use all segments.

We don’t recommend using the stops a la carte, with a group only “visiting” 1 or 2 stops.

What is the cost and what does it include?

In order to make the program accessible for schools, churches, organizations, and groups of varying sizes and budgets, CrossRoads Ministry offers *Seeking the Shalom of the City* on a sliding scale for a 1-year license to use the materials:

- for 40 or fewer people, \$200
- for 41-99 people, \$500
- for 100 or more people, \$1000

We trust that you will contribute to CrossRoads' sustainability by honoring the above in consideration of your audience size and budget.

This offering is not led by CrossRoads staff. It includes all materials a facilitator will need to guide the experience.

The virtual journey includes:

- access to all videos and materials through a Google Drive folder
- PDFs of facilitator materials
- PDFs of participant journals

Facilitator materials include:

- prayers/reflections
- framing and additional material about the places and topics
- guidance for discussion including questions

CrossRoads cannot guarantee immediate technical and other support, but we will be able to offer limited support for trouble-shooting and answering questions.

What age groups is this recommended for?

Ideally this experience is recommended for individuals aged 15 and older. It may be used with slightly younger audiences as long as there is significant adult support to hold space for them.

What should participants (and facilitators) bring to the experience?

- An open heart and open mind
- The printed journals (PDF supplied by CrossRoads) or other paper for reflection and pens or pencils