



Mississippi Annual Conference **CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR** with Bishop Sharma Lewis

No Stone Unturned for Justice - Ezekiel 11:19

March 11 - 16, 2025





Guest Speaker
**Bishop
 Sharma D. Lewis**

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, resident bishop of the Mississippi Episcopal area, comes to Mississippi after having served the past six years in the Richmond area of the Virginia Annual Conference. She was assigned to the Mississippi Annual Conference by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference's Committee on Episcopacy in November 2022. Her assignment in Mississippi began on January 1, 2023. Bishop Lewis was the first African American woman to be elected bishop in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church in 2016.

Prior to her election in 2016, Bishop Sharma D. Lewis held a distinguished record of service in the North Georgia Conference including her appointment as district superintendent of the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District in 2010. In 2007, Bishop Lewis' remarkable pastoral leadership at Wesley Chapel, a three-year tenure, led to over 600 new and restored members, and worship attendance doubled. While there, her visibility as a strong spiritual and pastoral leader propelled her into numerous leadership roles in the local community, including Hands on Henry County and Many Hearts, Many Hands McDonough.



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ITINERARY

March 11, 2025

Meet your group at Anderson UMC in Jackson, MS and head to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum together. Then, head to lunch together before driving to Birmingham. After checking into your hotel, enjoy free time on your own. Dinner is not included.

March 12, 2025

Start your morning at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute with a guided tour. Learn about Birmingham's history while seeing some of the most powerful artifacts of the Civil Rights movement. After the included lunch, head to 16th Street Baptist Church, where on September 15, 1963, a bomb exploded under the steps of the church, causing the deaths of four young girls. Tour the church and learn more about the history of the church and how this bombing brought national attention to this historic building. Return to the hotel. Dinner is on your own.

March 13, 2025

Say goodbye to Birmingham this morning and head south to Selma. Stop at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the site of the Bloody Sunday beatings of civil rights marchers. If the weather allows, walk across the bridge. Stop at the Lowndes County Interpretive Center on the way to Montgomery. The center is dedicated to those who marched from Selma to Montgomery to gain the right to vote. Learn about Viola Liuzzo, Jonathan Daniels, and many others who lived in Lowndes County, Alabama during the fight for Civil Rights. Enjoy an included lunch in Montgomery before heading to the Legacy Sites - the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. At the museum, trace the evolution of the dehumanizing myth of racial difference and its legacy throughout American history. Learn through first-person historical narratives and interactive media in this state-of-the-art museum. Lastly, visit the outdoor memorial for those killed in racial terror lynchings between 1877 and 1950. Check into your Montgomery hotel. Dinner is not included.

March 14, 2025

Begin your morning at the Dexter Baptist Church and parsonage to learn more about this church's role in civil rights as well as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s tenure as pastor here from 1954 to 1960. Tour the church and see the beautiful mural in the basement as well as the parsonage, restored to what it would have looked like in the 1950s. Meet with a special lecturer to learn about his work at the Equal Justice Initiative. Travel to Atlanta and check into your hotel. Lunch is included. Dinner is on your own.

March 15, 2025

This morning, visit the exhibits at the King Center to learn more about Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., then spend some free time walking around the National Historic Site across the street. Enjoy an included lunch before heading to the National Center of Civil and Human Rights, a museum dedicated to the civil rights movement in the United States as well as the broader worldwide human rights movement. After your guided tour, enjoy your free time in Atlanta. Dinner is on your own.

March 16, 2025

Check out of your hotel and head back to Jackson, MS. Breakfast and lunch included.



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Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Admin. Fees,
Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees
Breakfast & Lunch Daily, Deluxe Motorcoaches
First-Class Hotels, & much more!

*A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all
credit card transactions.



PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & lunch daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Government Taxes (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Round-trip airfare • Fuel surcharges • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers, passports, laundry, Dinners, beverages at meals & baggage fees • Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$350 during the basic tour.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Initial Deposit	\$100	Upon registration
Final Payment	12/26/24. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.	
Travel Protection Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 11/16/24 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after November 16, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 11/16/24. Registrations received between 11/17/24 - 12/26/24 will incur a fee starting at \$100 per person. Registrations received between 12/27/24 - 01/10/25 will incur a fee starting at \$200 per person. Registrations received between 01/11/25 - 01/25/25 will incur a fee starting at \$400 per person. Registrations received on 01/26/25 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. In addition, cancellation fees for Nile Cruise are: 59-31 days = 25% of extension cost; 30-0 days = 100%. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by EOT, and EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 11/16/24. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 12/02/24. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.eo.travel. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOT in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, EOT acts only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall EOT be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. **The passenger agrees that EOT assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.**

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Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$0 - \$1000	\$99	\$3501-\$4000	\$399	\$6501-\$7000	\$699
\$1001-\$1500	\$149	\$4001-\$4500	\$449	\$7001-\$8000	\$799
\$1501-\$2000	\$199	\$4501-\$5000	\$499	\$8001-\$9000	\$899
\$2001-\$2500	\$249	\$5001-\$5500	\$549	\$9001-\$10000	\$999
\$2501-\$3000	\$299	\$5501-\$6000	\$599		
\$3001-\$3500	\$349	\$6001-\$6500	\$649		

Schedule of Benefits

Maximum Benefit

Part A*	
Trip Cancellation	100% of the Trip Cost
Part B	
Trip Interruption	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Trip Delay	Up to \$150 Per Day, to a Maximum of \$1,500
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains	\$50,000
24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	Up to \$200

Additional Cancellation Protection

When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Opportunities Catholic Tours Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver that allows you to cancel your Educational Opportunities Catholic Tours travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Opportunities Catholic Tours Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be reimbursed in cash or in travel vouchers (depending on your reason for cancellation). Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Opportunities website (www.eocatholic.travel). **Plan costs must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect. Part A -Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver is provided by Educational Opportunities Catholic Tours. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Company and serviced by Trip Mate. *In MN and NY, a different cancellation waiver is available. Available for purchase separately in NY.**

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