

**TRINITY CHURCH INVITES YOU TO THE FIRST-EVER**

# BUILDING BRIDGES

WITH  
OUR

## Muslim Neighbors

*Learn and grow with others during this unique two-week immersion into local Muslim communities and culture, with training and outreach opportunities to share the love of Jesus.*



**September 24 – October 6, 2018**

**First Presbyterian Church of El Cajon: Bailey Hall**

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### **You will learn to:**

- *Be a cultural learner*
- *Interact with Muslim refugees and new immigrants.*
- *Experience the food, language, activities, and other cultural norms of Muslim refugee and immigrant groups.*
- *Understand Islam: its impact on Muslim culture and community, and Muslims' perceptions of Christianity.*
- *Discover needs in these communities and develop long term strategies to serve them.*
- *Effectively express the love of Jesus and effectively communicate the Gospel.*

We have developed a “mission trip” to El Cajon where you can learn about and reach out to our Muslim neighbors who are refugees or new immigrants. You can sleep in your own bed, you don’t need a passport, and you don’t have to get shots for all kinds of diseases!

You will learn from speakers who have experienced Muslim culture first hand, who are outstanding communicators, and who love Jesus and have followed Him to the ends of the earth.

You won’t be dropped in the pool without first learning how to swim. We have created unique outreach opportunities so you will grow in your cultural learning and experience.

This is not for the faint-hearted. You will be asked to treat this adventure as you would an overseas mission trip with a commitment to attend daily. We will learn and work from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m.

**For an application, go to [www.trinitypres.org](http://www.trinitypres.org) and click on the “Building Bridges” button on the home page.**

**The total cost is**

**\$350**  
**per participant**

This includes the \$35 non-refundable registration fee due when the application is submitted. Lunches are NOT included unless indicated on the schedule. A few partial scholarships will be available.



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**A “STAY-CATION” WITH A PURPOSE**

# BUILDING BRIDGES SCHEDULE

Each day we will begin with a short devotional designed to lead us into the subject of the day. Unless otherwise noted in the schedule below, lunch will NOT be provided. Feel free to bring your own lunch - there is a refrigerator. Also there are numerous Middle Eastern restaurants nearby.

## ***Monday • September 24th***

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OUR FIRST DAY - Our training will get us all on the same page with regard to communicating with those from different cultures. Our afternoon will include a scavenger hunt where we get an opportunity to use our new skills.

## ***Tuesday • September 25th***

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Today we will learn new ways of worship and intercession that will help us to pray more effectively. In the afternoon we will split up into small groups and conduct a prayer walk around various neighborhoods where new immigrants and refugees live.

## ***Wednesday • September 26th***

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Our studying today will give us a deeper understanding about the way our culture views the world as well as our own individual world view. We will see how that impacts all aspects of our life including how we interact with people with other world views. This will be for the full day. If there is time we will head out to conduct a short survey of the community based on world view.

## ***Thursday • September 27th***

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Today we will have a panel discussion with various English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers about how we can help refugees use and practice their English. In the afternoon, we plan on visiting a local English class.

## ***Friday • September 28th***

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Today will be the first of two days of learning about Islam – its impact on the Muslim community and culture, and Muslims' perception of Christianity. We will visit a mosque at noon for Friday prayers. Afterwards we will return to have a question and answer period about what we saw and heard.

## ***Saturday • September 29th***

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The second in our two-part class on Islam will continue today. After a catered lunch we will have a panel discussion with Muslim background believers. This will be a chance to hear how God brought these believers from Islam to Jesus.

## ***Sunday • September 30th***

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Today we will meet in a local park at noon for a potluck picnic. Refugee and new immigrant families will be invited to attend. With the help of some Arabic

interpreters, we will have a language and cultural exchange with these families. It is in this environment that our relationships with the local refugee and new immigrant population begins.

## ***Monday • October 1st***

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We will be given a toolbox and shown how to use each of the tools that will help us to share the Gospel of Jesus effectively. In the afternoon we will practice on each other using our new toolbox.

## ***Tuesday • October 2nd***

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We will learn an easy and effective way to present the Gospel through a simple Bible study. We plan on visiting the families we connected with at the Sunday picnic if they are available.

## ***Wednesday • October 3rd***

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Our speakers will share about the trauma and transitions most refugees have experienced and how these experiences impact them negatively. In the afternoon, we will learn how art can be a tool of healing for refugee children.

## ***Thursday • October 4th***

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The Quran can be a bridge to bringing Muslims to Jesus. We will learn how to do that effectively. We will hear from Muslim background believers about how the Quran was their bridge to Jesus.

## ***Friday • October 5th***

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We will have a panel discussion with local church leaders already involved in the refugee community in El Cajon. We plan to visit the mosque again for noon prayers. In the afternoon we will break up into groups to brainstorm ideas we can take back to our churches to use as bridges to our Muslim neighbors.

## ***Saturday • October 6th***

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**THIS IS COMMISSIONING DAY** - We will have the opportunity to share what we learned, how the two-week immersion impacted us, and how we see God leading. For our last meal together, we will have a catered lunch. We will then have special commissioning service to send us out to serve our Muslim refugee neighbors with the love of Jesus.

*This schedule is subject to change.*