



2013 Presbyterians for Earth Care Conference Pre-Conference Field Trip Information

We invite you to join us for our exciting pre-conference field trip day on Wednesday, October 16th! Here's a fun green fact about Little Rock – nowhere else on the planet can you experience two Platinum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified buildings in such proximity! On our field trip you will get to visit them both – Heifer International Headquarters and the Clinton Presidential Center, plus the landmark Little Rock Central High School.

Stop 1: Heifer International Headquarters and Global Village



Heifer International has worked to alleviate hunger and poverty around the world since it was established in 1944. To date, it has helped 15.5 million families in more than 125 countries move toward greater self-reliance. The organization relocated to Little Rock in the 1970s, and it resides now in a Platinum LEED building, the top certification awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council.

A place for learning about solutions to global hunger and poverty, Heifer Village inspires visitors to further Heifer's mission to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth.

All of the globally sourced, fair trade items in the Village gift shop tie into Heifer's educational mission, with every product having a story about where it comes from and how it was made.

The Heifer buildings and grounds have many green features: the restored wetland that wraps around the building collects water for irrigation; rainwater from the roof is stored in a five-story water tower; waterless urinals and low-flow toilets and lavatories further reduce potable water use; graywater collected throughout the building are reused in the toilets and cooling tower. The building was designed to use up to 55% less energy than a conventional office building and to last for at least 100 years. Materials were selected for their durability, maintainability, low toxicity, recycled content, and regional availability.

Stop 2 and Lunch: Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site



Little Rock Central High School played a pivotal part in the Civil Rights Movement. The attendance of nine African-American students at the formerly all-white Central High School played a major role in the desegregation of public schools in the US and was the most prominent example of the implementation of the 1954 Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education*.

President Bill Clinton signed the first *Executive Order on Environmental Justice*, as he recognized that much work was needed to address the health and environmental burdens faced by vulnerable communities disproportionately impacted by environmental degradation. At the Central High Visitors Center, National Park Service interpreters will explore with us how civil rights and environmental justice issues are intrinsically connected.

The park staff will also mention how they are implementing the National Park Service's *Climate Change Response Strategy*, which includes four areas of emphasis: using science to help us manage, adapting to an uncertain future, reducing our carbon footprint, and educating about climate change.

While here, you will enjoy a scrumptious and sustainable lunch catered by The Root, and learn how they are "building community through local food."

Stop 3: William J. Clinton Presidential Center



The Clinton Presidential Center includes America's newest Presidential Library housing the largest archival collection in US presidential history. Located on the banks of the Arkansas River, President Clinton wanted his Center to be an educational project demonstrating green building design, construction and operation. The Center has a Platinum LEED certification, which is the only federally maintained facility to receive this recognition.

As the first LEED certified building in Arkansas, the Clinton Library has become a catalyst for sustainability for non-profit, governmental, private, and commercial properties throughout the state. Inside and out, the Center utilizes a variety of sustainability programs that reduce costs and its impact on the environment. In 2007, the construction of a green roof on the Library was completed.

The building can boast a number of sustainability features:

- The Center uses 34% less energy than comparable code compliant buildings.
- 306 solar panels provide part of the building's energy.
- The Center uses 99% green cleaning products
- Two levels feature bamboo flooring, a highly renewable resource
- 95% of the Center's waste is recycled
- Carefully selected screens and glass reduce solar heat gain by 50%
- The purchase of renewable energy certificates offsets 100% of the Center's emissions

Pre-Conference Field Trip Fees:

The pre-conference field trip fee includes housing at Ferncliff on Tuesday night, Wednesday morning breakfast and lunch and the field trip costs. There is no additional charge for airport shuttle service for those arriving within the offered times on Tuesday evening. You will be able to register for the field trip when you register for the conference at presbyearthcare.org.

- Single room: \$105 per person
- Double room: \$85 per person
- Retreat style (Modern cabins with 2-4 persons per cabin, shared bathroom. Linens provided and lower bunks available): \$60 per person
- Eco-Center Retreat style (Straw bale walled, solar powered, with 2-6 single beds per room each with its own bathroom, and a pleasant 1/2 mile walk to main conference area): \$60 per person

For more information on the 2013 PEC Conference, please visit: <http://presbyearthcare.org/docs/2013FerncliffConferenceFullBrochure.pdf>
To register, please visit: www.presbyearthcare.org.