

FAQs for website

How does registration work?

Registrations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis starting **March 15, 2021**. Participants must register on the FaithX webpage at www.brethren.org/faithx/. A \$150 deposit is due seven days after the online registration confirmation is sent. For Tier 1, the entire \$75 cost is due seven days after the online registration confirmation is sent. This deposit holds each registrant's FaithX location "spot." Group discounts will be assessed after registration closes on **April 15, 2021**, and notification of the remaining balance of registration will be sent out by **April 20, 2021**. The full balance of the registration fee is due by **May 3, 2021**. Pay online or make checks payable to Church of the Brethren and mail them to the FaithX Office, Church of the Brethren, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.

What does the FaithX registration fee include?

Registration for a FaithX experience covers dinners (except for Tier 1), service and transportation coordination, recreation, a t-shirt, and materials for the project.

Is transportation to and from the FaithX location included in the registration price?

No. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the FaithX location. If you are participating in a Tier 2 or Tier 3 FaithX experience, you are responsible for your own transportation to the work site each day.

Who is eligible to come to a FaithX trip?

In 2021, all FaithX experiences will be intergenerational and open to individuals who have completed 6th grade and older.

Do I need to be from the Church of the Brethren to attend a FaithX trip?

You most definitely do not have to be a member of a Church of the Brethren congregation to attend a FaithX trip. We will have a time of worship each day, however, that will be based in the Christian faith and prompted from Church of the Brethren traditions.

How many youth can one church send?

We welcome as many individuals as you want to send from your congregation.

Who are the leaders of the camp?

The FaithX Office provides a director and coordinator for each trip. Advisors from the churches sending youth are also part of our leadership team.

Are advisors allowed to come to the FaithX trip?

Adult advisors are required to attend with groups of youth and are expected to fully participate in all aspects of the FaithX experience. Advisors also are expected to act as role models and mentors for the youth and often are asked to take on extra responsibilities such as leading work crews. Advisors register at the same time as their youth and pay the same registration fee. We ask that congregations send at least one adult advisor for every two to four youth participants, keeping gender in mind (i.e. if youth are all male, there should be at least one male advisor). Advisors are also required to go through a background check administered by the denominational office and should be 21 years of age or older.

Please contact the FaithX Office if any of these requests are not possible for your group.

What do we do other than our project on the FaithX trip?

There is always one day during the week which we call our “recreation day” in which the youth get to experience the area they are staying in from a different point of view. This may look a little different this year, depending on COVID-19, but outings in the past have included seeing the statue of liberty in New York City or the Smithsonian Museums in Washington DC, or going to a park for dinner and taking a dip in the pool.

What can I expect from my FaithX experience?

FaithX trips exemplify the Brethren philosophy of simple living and often cross the line to extreme simple living. Along with simple living, positive attitudes, flexibility, and openness to new experiences are essential for every trip. Those who have the best time on FaithX trips are those who can most successfully adapt to their surroundings. Although the projects and living conditions are different for each trip, they all share some basic universals. Eating (simply), working hard,

playing, and having fun can be expected! Participants also have a chance to meet lots of people from new places and make new friendships that last much longer than just one week. All the details for the individual FaithX trips will be provided from coordinators in the spring. **These communications contain important information, so please read them!**

What is the FaithX philosophy? What are FaithX experiences all about?

FaithX experiences are short-term service trips that challenge us to be more aware of ourselves, our communities, and our world so that we may learn to participate in God's vision of justice for all people. Through these trips, participants will grow in Christian discipleship, formed by the command to love God and neighbor, and inspired by Christ's example of humbly serving others. We strive to build relationships of mutual learning and understanding with the communities and individuals we serve. While we seek to make a difference in the lives of others, we know that we are equally benefitted by the difference others make in our lives. We hope that by serving we will deepen our faith and better understand our own privileges and values as we aim to be compassionate and just global citizens and children of God.

What is the FaithX refund policy?

FaithX participants may request full refunds up to two weeks prior to their scheduled FaithX trip. If a request for refund, because of COVID-19, is received less than two weeks before the scheduled FaithX trip, the FaithX Office will determine refunds on a case-by-case basis. If questions arise about this policy, please be in contact with the FaithX Office at faithx@brethren.org.

Do I need spending money?

The only thing you will need spending money for is possible shopping opportunities during our recreation day (though shopping is not always a part of every FaithX experience).

Do you have an insurance plan for the FaithX trips?

The Church of the Brethren provides a small, primary group accident insurance policy for its FaithX participants.