



CYMA 2021

Information Session



Christian Youth Mission to Armenia
Western Diocese of the Armenian Church



Mission Statement

The Christian Youth Mission to Armenia (CYMA) serves to unify and strengthen the Armenian community by establishing a BRIDGE between diaspora's Youth and Our Homeland through participation in the social, religious, professional and cultural life of Hayastan.

A One of a Kind Journey

CYMA is unique in that it provides the fullest experience of Armenia through its 3 components:

1. ***Pilgrimage:** strengthening our Armenian Apostolic faith by experiencing our historical sites and churches.
2. ***Internship:** gaining valuable professional experience in our specific fields of interest.
3. ***Service:** giving back to communities in need by carrying out several service projects.

General Info

Trip Dates: June - July with a possible second session, depending on the number of participants we have. Detailed itinerary will be determined and announced soon.

Monday - Thursday: reconstruction projects for 3 weeks, service in Yerevan for 1 week

Friday - Sunday: Pilgrimage and sightseeing

Cost: 3500. This includes your roundtrip flight, housing, tours, meals, transportation, and a donation towards funding our service projects.

Scholarship opportunities and support from parishes available

Pilgrimage/Sightseeing

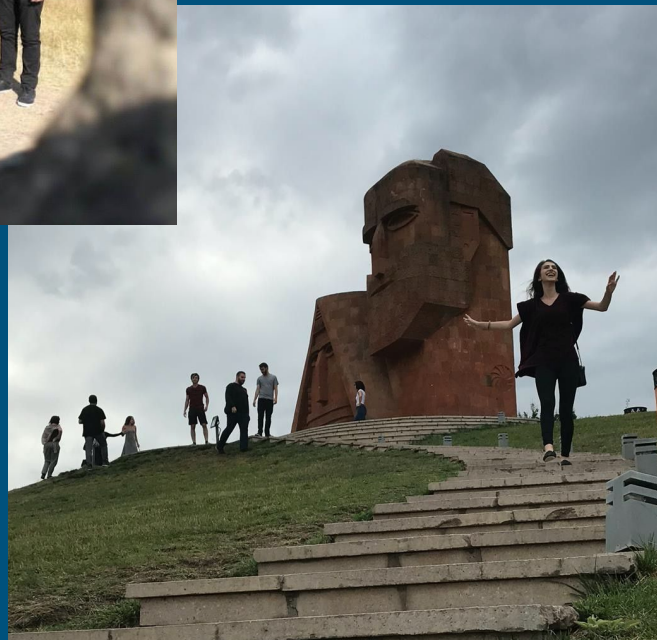
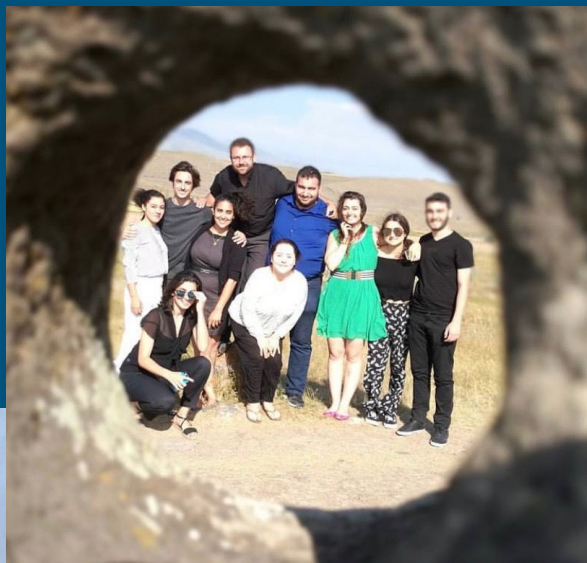
Become immersed in our rich culture and history by experiencing significant sites within Armenia:

Historical monuments and museums

Churches and monasteries

Lake Sevan and Mount Aragats





Service

This year, Armenia has endured and continues to endure persecution, a pandemic, a multicountry war, illegal use of prohibited weapons, failed attempts at ethnic cleansing, anti-Armenian sentiments and propaganda, and more.

As we adapt to the current situation in Armenia, our **obligation** to our homeland is now **more relevant than ever**. Our mission in 2021 emerges as a pertinent opportunity for every young Armenian in the diaspora.

We plan to fund and carry out **several** reconstruction projects in Armenia and Artsakh in a pursuit to serve the needs of our people during these trying times. The emphasis of our 2021 pilgrimage will be on service and philanthropy.

Service

Every year, CYMA conducts service projects in efforts to give back to our homeland. We dedicate a week of our trip to these projects.

Fuller Housing Project: CYMA has collaborated with this organization for many years to build safe homes for families in need. Our members help by completing part of the construction.

Various Other Projects: Annually, we select a community in need and work to fill a gap for them through our service project. From 2014-2017, we worked on building a **youth center in the village of Tsovinar**. It now serves as a school, recreation center, playground, and a safe space for the community as a whole.

Fuller Housing Project



2017



2018

Tsovinar Youth Center 2014-2017

Before:



After:



Mer Hooys - House of Hope

A center for girls from disadvantaged backgrounds, which provides safe housing, psychological services, education, and life skills development. They help the girls mature into self-sufficiency, and transition successfully to independent living.



Why CYMA?

- Come back as a new person:
Newfound identity, new perspectives, new skills, new friends.
- Build lifelong connections with group members and local residents:
Come in as strangers and leave as a family brought together by unforgettable memories.
- Get the fullest experience of your homeland:
Experience self-growth through our unique program.
- Make a difference:
Play a direct role in rebuilding our homeland by personally participating in reconstruction efforts.

CYMA 2017 Video: An Experience of a Lifetime



Potential Candidates

Next steps:

Online application due March 5, 2021

<https://forms.gle/yWVUJLMxa2YZJTUi9>

Deposits due for airfare: \$1500 by March 12, 2021

Program orientation on April 10, 2021

Remaining \$2000 due May 15, 2021