

**2001**

**CONGRESSIONAL  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
PILGRIMAGE**

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*"It is time to focus on healing our racial wounds. The Pilgrimage helps us understand the nature of the wound and how it can best be healed."*

-Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS)

March 8, 2003

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# Civil Rights Pilgrimage for Senators to Historic Sites in Alabama and Tennessee

*"This experience is so important to me. To meet the heroes and heroines of the Civil Rights Movement and to hear their stories firsthand touched my heart. Their stories parallel the greats in American history who have labored to extend America's promise of equality and opportunity"*

- Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL)  
March 8, 2003



February 13-15, 2004

*"I wanted to be here 'intellectually' because I believed in the movement . . . but now I'm emotionally and spiritually a part of this mighty cause of freedom and social justice."*

-Hon. Jack Kemp, former Republican Congressman, Cabinet Secretary, Vice-Presidential Candidate  
March 8, 2003

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*"At times, history and fate meet at a single time in a single place to shape a turning point in man's unending search for freedom. So it was at Lexington and Concord. So it was a century ago in Appomattox. And so it was last week in Selma, Alabama."*

- President Lyndon B. Johnson  
March 15, 1965

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On the 40th Anniversary  
of the Voting Rights March



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"AT TIMES, HISTORY AND FATE MEET AT A SINGLE TIME IN A SINGLE PLACE TO SHAPE A TURNING POINT IN MAN'S UNENDING SEARCH FOR FREEDOM. SO IT WAS AT LEXINGTON AND CONCORD. SO IT WAS A CENTURY AGO IN APPOMATTOX. AND SO IT WAS LAST WEEK IN SELMA, ALABAMA."

- President Lyndon B. Johnson  
Addressing a Joint Session of  
Congress, March 15, 1965

# 7th Congressional CIVIL RIGHTS Pilgrimage

March 4-6, 2005

**SEN. GEORGE ALLEN (R-VA)**

"This pilgrimage is one of the best experiences of my life. Learning and listening to the courageous leaders and participants in the Civil Rights Movement gave me a profoundly better understanding and education of the true meaning of freedom. The perspective acquired by this program will guide many decisions that I have yet to make."

**SEN. JON S. CORZINE (D-NJ)**

"The opportunity to travel and visit sites that changed the course of civil rights in our country was a deeply moving

experience. The Pilgrimage gave me a personal connection beyond the text of historical documentation."

**REP. STENY HOYER (D-MD)**

"This pilgrimage is an uplifting reminder that men and women of courage and character can change hearts and change a nation. It is vital to recall our past as we strive to improve our future."

**REP. FRED UPTON (R-MI)**

"I was very pleased to have joined this bipartisan effort, certainly not only as a Republican but more as an American..."





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## 8th Congressional **CIVIL RIGHTS** Pilgrimage to Alabama

March 2-4, 2007



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*-President Lyndon B. Johnson, addressing a joint session of Congress March, 15, 1965.*

"[Members of Congress came] together not as Democrats, not as Republicans, but as Americans, men and women who believe somehow and some way that we can find a way to create...the American community,"

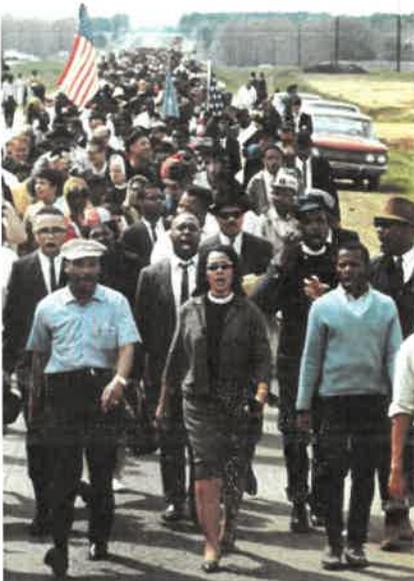
*-Rep. John Lewis, Pilgrimage Leader*





On the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bloody Sunday

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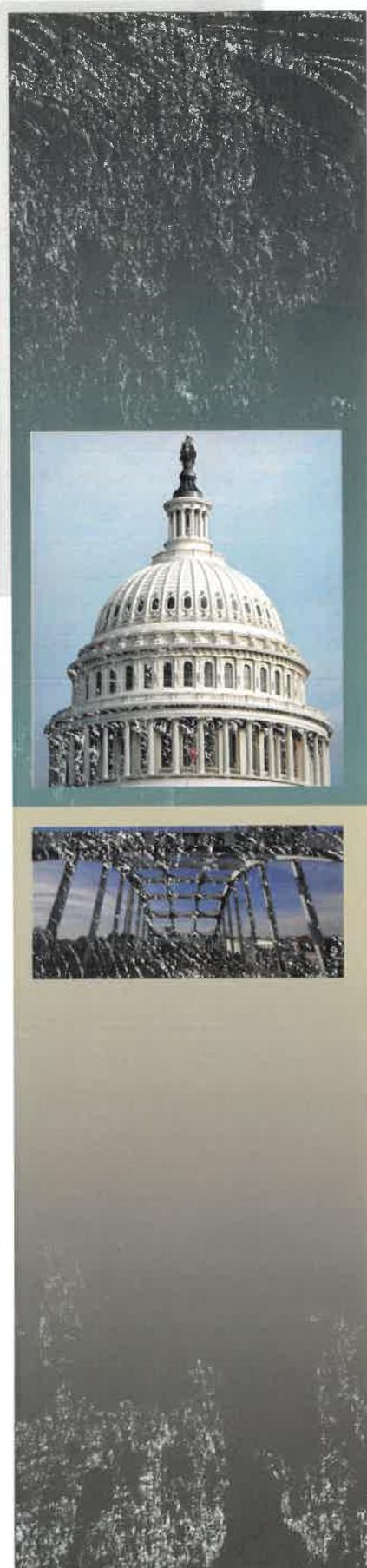
## 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

To Alabama  
March 5-7, 2010

**"AT TIMES, HISTORY AND FATE MEET AT A SINGLE TIME IN A SINGLE PLACE TO SHAPE A TURNING POINT IN MAN'S UNENDING SEARCH FOR FREEDOM. SO IT WAS A CENTURY AGO IN APPOMATTOX. AND SO IT WAS LAST WEEK IN SELMA, ALABAMA."**

-President Lyndon B Johnson  
Addressing a Joint Session  
of Congress, March 15, 1965





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## 11th Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Alabama

Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma  
March 4 - 6, 2011



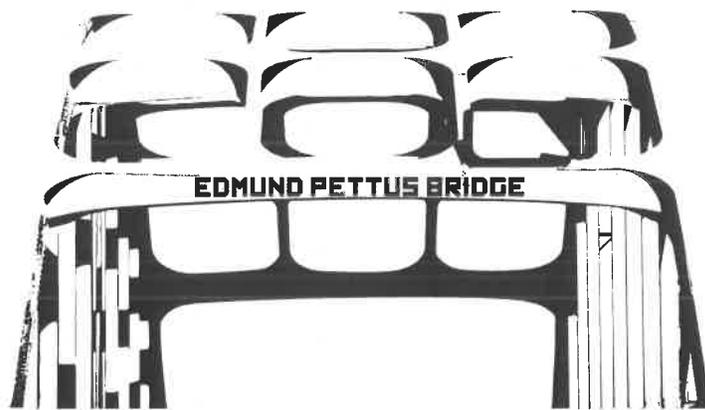


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## 12th Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Alabama

Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma  
March 2 - 4, 2012





# AT THE BRIDGE

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1965 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLOODY SUNDAY 2015

50TH ANNIVERSARY  
COMMEMORATIVE BRIEFING BOOK



THE 2017 CONGRESSIONAL  
**CIVIL RIGHTS**  
*Pilgrimage*

MARCH 3, 2017 – MARCH 5, 2017



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# 2018

## CONGRESSIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

### MARCH 2-4, 2018

MEMPHIS, TN · BIRMINGHAM, MONTGOMERY AND SELMA, AL

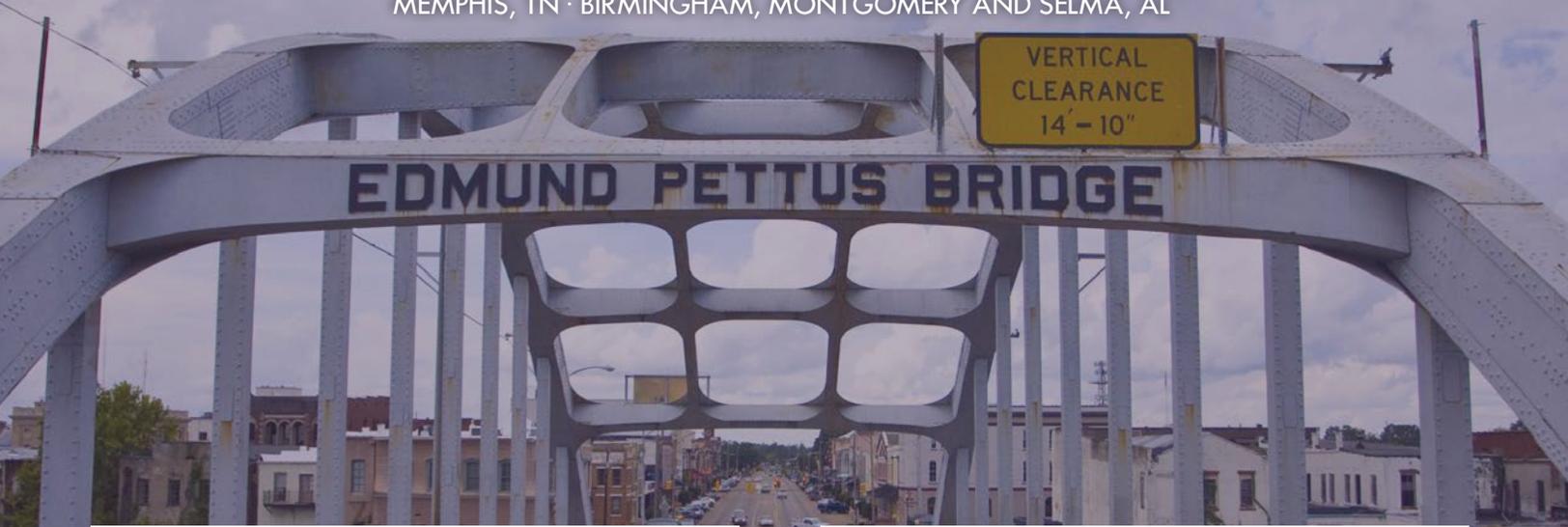


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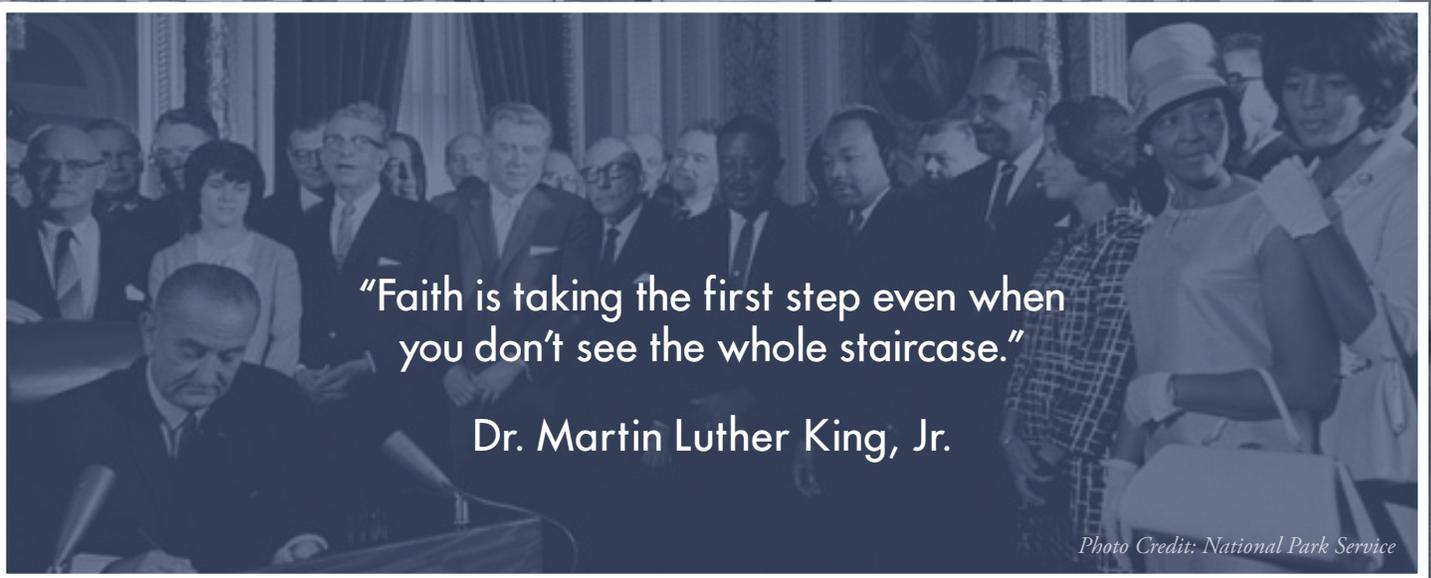




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MARCH 1-3  
**2019**

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CIVIL RIGHTS  
PILGRIMAGE



**"Faith is taking the first step even when  
you don't see the whole staircase."**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*Photo Credit: National Park Service*



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# 2020

MARCH  
6-8

# CONGRESSIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

MONTGOMERY, BIRMINGHAM, AND SELMA, ALABAMA





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# 2022

MARCH  
4-6

## CONGRESSIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

BIRMINGHAM, MONTGOMERY, AND SELMA, ALABAMA



*Photo: Joseph McCarthy in Mary Lee Bendolph's home*

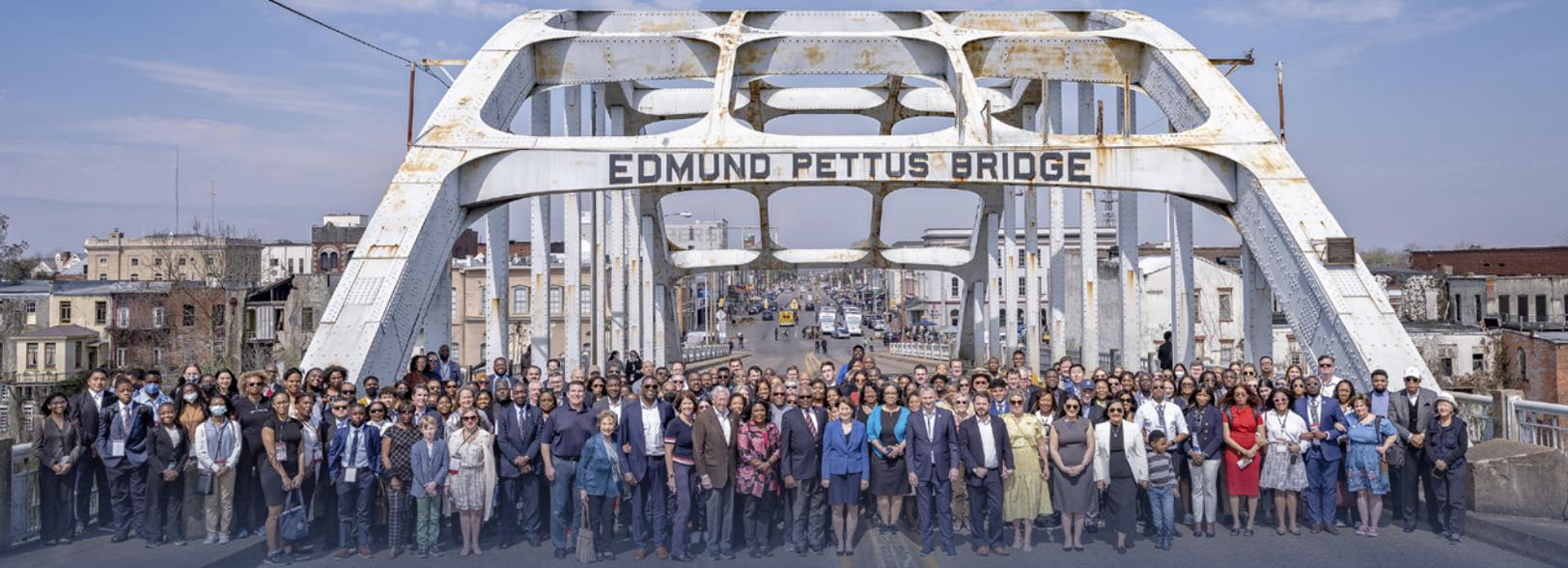




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# 2023 CONGRESSIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

MARCH 3-5, 2023  
BIRMINGHAM, SELMA, AND  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA



*Taking a grace-filled moment: Examining the past,  
the present and the opportunity for the future*






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# 2024 CONGRESSIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

MARCH 1-3, 2024  
BIRMINGHAM, SELMA, AND  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA



*The difference one person makes:  
reaching for beloved community*



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# 2025 CONGRESSIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

MARCH 7-9, 2025

BIRMINGHAM, SELMA, AND  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

"Speak up, speak out, get in the way.  
Get in good trouble, necessary trouble,  
and help redeem the soul of America."

John Lewis

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# 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bloody Sunday



*Carrying the Light Forward*