

THE
PILGRIMAGE

**THE WAY OF THE PILGRIM – SESSION FIVE
THE CHARISMS OF THE WAY OF THE PILGRIM**

May 10, 2025

“For Christians hearing the call to go deeper.”

Mission Statement

The Pilgrimage creates a community that provides tools and experiences through which we learn to hear the call of God and respond in faith, journeying together with friends on the path to a Spirit-led and joyful life.

Share With Your Small Group

† Your name and location.

† Have you ever been a part of an oblate in an order before? Or if not in a religious context - a social organization with behavioral expectations like Rotary?

An Introduction to the idea of a Rule



What is a Rule?

We are likely to think of rules as boundaries that forbid us from doing something. However, this Rule for the Order of Pilgrims is meant to be something else. Rather than being a set of laws that forbid us to do certain things, this rule follows in the lineage of *The Rule of St. Benedict* and is meant to provide a set of practices that support and enable us as we nurture the growth of certain Christian virtues and values. It is a structure upon which we grow as children of God and disciples of Jesus. The word ‘rule’ used in this sense comes from the Latin word *regula*, which suggests not so much a code of legislation (*lex* or ‘law’) but a means of regularizing and regulating our lives that can help us focus our time and attention on the things that are most important to us. We learn to listen for God and to be obedient to the Word of God received. The tradition of living by a Rule is monastic in origin, but those of us who live outside monastic settings are, perhaps, in even greater need of the structure and support of a Rule as we seek to grow in trust of God and in faithfulness to our calling as servants of our servant Lord.

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Some ways to think of a Rule

- † A Lattice or Trellis Upon which the Spiritual Life Grows.
- † A Concrete and External Expression of An Internal and Sacred Promise.
- † A Collection of Values, Habits, Guidelines, and Goals aimed at a deeper love of God.
- † A Manual for Our Life as a Community of Pilgrims.
- † A Commitment to Intentional Asceticism

† Goal – Our Mission Statement

† Means to that end – Disciplines

† Attitudes and habits which
permeate our efforts to be disciplined
- charisms, gifts.

Discuss:

- † As you think about The Pilgrimage ministry – what disciplines can you think of that fit with us?
- † What gifts and attitudes would suit our goal of creating a community of people who hear God's call and journey together in a spirit-led and joyful discipleship?

Paul's Initial and Modest Proposal

Over the past 12 months I have been reading and studying:

Benedictine

Augustinian

Basilian

Franciscan

Irish / Celtic Rules

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Seven Disciplines

Seven Charisms

Seven Proposed Disciplines

1. **Daily Worship / Prayer / devotion**

2. **Sabbath-Keeping** / Hallowing of Time

Come to me and rest - Matt 11:28

3. **Stewardship of God's Gifts**

* Generously sharing financial resources

* Offering Time & Talents to build a workable world

4. **Companioning — Soul Friendships**

* Weep with those who weep, rejoice with those who rejoice

* Participation in gatherings & pilgrimages

* Fidelity to your Compass Group

5. **Study and Growth — the renewing of our minds**

* Scripture

* Learning and practicing new disciplines

* Theology

6. **Pilgrimage** — journeying together in both the daily pilgrimage of discipleship and in regular opportunities for travel-pilgrimage.

7. **Caring for the Earth** and living with sustainability in mind

Seven Proposed Charisms

1. **Non-Judgement** — Dying to one's neighbors. (Luke 6:37)

2. **Humility**

- Knowing our true worth — and the worth of others too. (Romans 12:3)
- Willing instead of willful (Psalm 32:9)

3. **Attentive to Dynamic Balance / Tensions**

- Nurturing one's roots — Bearing fruit in the world (cf. John 15:5-ff)
- Learning / Growing — Being (“How does an apple ripen?”)
- Solitude — Community
- Honoring what is old while receiving what is new (cf. Matthew 13:52)
- Knowing when to remain silent — when to speak. (James 1:19)

4. **Embracing liminality** — *Status Viatoris*. (Gen 12:1-4)

5. **Gentleness** with ourselves and with others. (Mat. 11:29)

- Nothing harsh - nothing burdensome

6. **Mercy / Compassion / Bearing burdens**. (Gal 6:2)

7. **Patient, Committed Love** (Luke 10:27)

- Of God
- Of Neighbor
- Of Self

Discuss:

† How do those disciplines and Charisms feel?

† What might you add?

Sabbatical

Information & Daily Resources
for Pastor Paul's Sabbatical
May 26-August 25, 2025

Screenshot



Pastoral Coverage

Pastoral support will be provided by a team of folks while Pastor Paul is away.

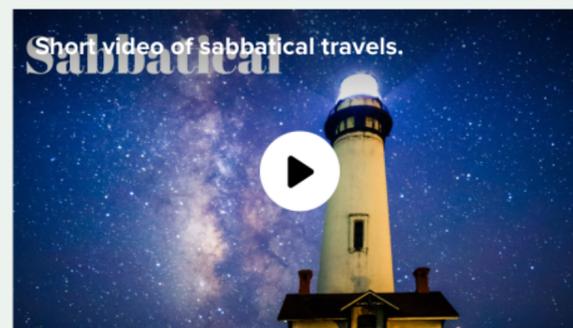
- All summer - Alan Bancroft and Paul Burgess.
- Monday, May 26 - Sunday, June 22 - Duane Hix
- Monday, June 23 - Sunday, July 27 - Osy Nüesch
- Monday, July 28 - Sunday, August 25 - Deky Hall

Contact information is available from the church office during business hours.



Mapping Sabbatical Travels

See the many locations across the globe that Paul will visit on sabbatical mapped out in this short (2:47 mins) video.



Paul's Sabbatical Primer

Paul has written a book which provides daily prayers and thoughts for each day of the sabbatical journey. This link is to a large PDF of the entire 500+ page document. Because of file-size constraints this is a low resolution PDF where the image files are less crisp.

[VIEW AND/OR DOWNLOAD PDF](#)



Primer Contents by Day

Here you will find an index of the days of the sabbatical with the prayers and other pieces assigned to that day given.



Sabbatical Saints

A collection of audio recordings Paul has created introducing the saints who are important to the places where Paul & Sarah will travel.



Sabbatical Events Calendar



May 2025



What We Will Explore in 2025

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|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| Jan. 11 | SESSION ONE | Session One — Introduction |
| Feb. 8 | SESSION TWO | The Pilgrim's Compass- Chapter 3- Tools for the Journey |
| Mar. 8 | SESSION THREE | The Pilgrim's Compass- Encounter & Struggle |
| Apr. 12 | SESSION FOUR | The Pilgrim's Compass- Wilderness & Newness: New Name |
| May 10 | SESSION FIVE | Charisms of the Way of the Pilgrim |
| Sept. 13 | SESSION SIX | Compass Group and Contemplative Disciplines |
| Oct. 11 | SESSION SEVEN | Christian Prayer Toolbox |
| Nov. 15 | SESSION EIGHT | Discernment |



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