

**Pilgrimage to Search for Truth and Justice, Selma Alabama**  
**A transformation experience to Understand the Civil Rights Movement and Ourselves**  
October 2023

Led by the Reverend June R. Cooper and Marrey Embers

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Learn the history of white racial violence from Reconstruction to Jim Crow.

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Daily reflection time with the Pilgrimage facilitators

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