

## Civil Rights

### Not a Delegation

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The difference between the congressional pilgrimage to Selma and a congressional delegation.

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It's a much better name for what we do. I mean, a delegation can go—anybody can put together group of people, they can be a delegation, and go meet with someone. But, this is appropriately a pilgrimage because it's to ground made holy by the souls, and spirits, and sacrifices of the people who made the history. So, you take a pilgrimage to a place that's spiritually profound, and life-impacting, perhaps life-changing. And it was that from the start. We called it that, and by golly, it was, it really was. And we've taken, oh, 150 Members over the years. And for some, it's a revival, if they lived through it, and they know the history, it's really like an annual revival. And pilgrimages are for people who make them regularly, and for people who do them occasionally. And then for others, it's a first-time conversion experience, if you will.