



TRIP OF PERSPECTIVE

# FAITH, MOUNTAINS AND THE ECONOMY

October 19-22, 2023  
Wise County, Virginia

## Why come?

### AWARENESS

- Witness the devastating effects of mountaintop removal mining on Wise County communities of Central Appalachia
- Dismantle stereotypes and build relationships

### LIFESTYLE

- Make the connection between our energy demands and the earth's limited resources

### ACTION

- Become a part of the solution personally and politically

Join the **Faith and Money Network** for a life-shaping, soul-building Trip of Perspective to Wise County, Va., where we will learn from and be challenged by individuals and groups bringing creative solutions to environmental, racial and economic injustice.

### SCHEDULE

The trip begins with dinner Thursday evening, Oct. 19, followed by two days of visits. We'll observe mountaintop removal sites and meet with local leaders, activists and residents. Participants travel home on Oct. 22.

### COSTS

Participants will each cover their own transportation to Big Stone Gap, Va., accommodations in a local hotel (we will reserve a block of rooms and provide you with contact information), and most meals.

The trip fee of \$350 covers activity costs, speaker honoraria, trip leadership, and a gift to our hosts, the Southern Appalachian Mountains Stewards ([samsva.org](http://samsva.org)).

We have borrowed from future generations by consuming unprecedented amounts of natural resources. Our economic future is linked to changing environmental conditions. This **Trip of Perspective** will renew and strengthen our commitments to solidarity, simplicity and justice.

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