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# 3rd GLOBAL SMYRNA MEETING ON THE SEVEN CITIES OF REVELATION



## JUNE 7-13, 2025

Ephesus

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### AND NICAEA EXTENSION

## Celebrate the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in 2025

June 12-21, 2025



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## COMPLIMENTARY TUTKU GIFTS

**Dr. Alan Bandy**  
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Unisex T-shirt



Certificate of Participation



10 Year Calendar

**Dr. Don Westblade**  
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Seven Churches Fish Plaque



Archaeology Map of Turkey

# GLOBAL SMYRNA MEETING



## PROGRAM

### Jun 7 Sat Arrive Izmir Airport (airport code ADB) \*Please give us your arrival flight information.

Our representative will meet you at Izmir Airport with a "TUTKU" sign.  
Transfer to Hotel in Izmir.  
17:30-18:30 Worship Service; sermon Douglas Jacoby  
18:30-18:35 Opening Ceremony: Welcome: **Levent Oral**, President of Tutku Educational Travel  
18:35-18:40 Welcome: **Erin Dailey**, Director of Operations, Tutku Educational Travel  
18:40-18:45 Welcome: **Mark Wilson**, Program Director  
18:45-18:50 Welcome from a local pastor  
18:50-19:00 Introduction of the groups, churches, and countries  
19:00-20:00 **Dinner at hotel**  
20:15-21:00 Lecture Ben Witherington, Papias

### Jun 8 Sun Sardis – Philadelphia – Laodicea– Izmir

06:00-06:50 Breakfast  
07:00-08:00 Departure and travel to Sardis  
08:15-10:15 Sardis tour  
10:15-11:00 Drive to Alaşehir  
11:00-11:30 Philadelphia tour: Church of St. John  
13:00-14:00 Lunch  
14:00-15:30 Laodicea tour  
19:30 Return to hotel in Izmir for dinner

### Jun 9 Mon All Day Presentations

07:00-08:10 Breakfast  
08:15-08:30 Worship  
08:30-09:15 Patmos among the Seven Churches: Linford Stutzman  
09:20-10:25 Introduction to the Seven Sermons and Ephesus among the Seven Churches: Jeff Weima  
10:25-10:50 Coffee/Tea Break  
10:55-11:40 Smyrna among the Seven Churches: Dana Harris  
11:45-12:30 Pergamum among the Seven Churches: Alan Bandy  
12:30-13:30 Lunch at hotel  
13:45-14:30 Thyatira among the Seven Churches: Sharon Putt  
14:35-15:20 Sardis among the Seven Churches: Don Westblade  
15:25-15:50 Coffee/Tea Break  
15:55-16:40 Philadelphia among the Seven Churches: Mark Fairchild  
16:45-17:30 Laodicea among the Seven Churches: Mark Wilson  
19:00-20:00 **Dinner at hotel**

### Jun 10 Tue Ephesus Tour

07:00-08:00 Breakfast  
08:00-09:15 Departure from hotel and drive to Ephesus  
09:15-12:15 Ephesus tour  
12:30-14:30 Lunch & shopping opportunity at the Handmade Carpet Center  
14:45-16:30 St. John's Basilica and Ephesus Museum  
16:45-18:15 Return to hotel  
19:00-20:00 Dinner at hotel  
20:15-21:00 Lecture

### Jun 11 Wed Pergamum & Thyatira Tour

06:45-07:45 Breakfast  
07:45-09:45 Drive to Bergama  
09:45-12:15 Pergamum tour of Acropolis and Red Basilica  
12:15-13:45 Lunch in Bergama  
13:45-14:45 Drive to Akhisar  
14:45-15:45 Thyatira tour  
16:00-17:30 Return to hotel  
Dinner 19:00-20:00  
Lecture 20:15-21:00

### Jun 12 Thu Afternoon Smyrna Agora visit

07:00-08:15 Breakfast  
08:45-09:00 Worship  
Lecture 09:05-09:50 Keith Putt "Pagan Philosophy and Theology Among the Seven Churches."  
09:55-10:30 Closing ceremony: Mark Wilson and Levent Oral, sharing of memories by participants  
10:45-11:30 Drive to stadium on Mount Pagus (Kadifekale) to Polycarp Memorial  
11:45-12:45 Smyrna Agora visit and see the Christian graffiti  
13:00-14:00 Lunch  
14:00 Afternoon free time  
16:30 Nicaea Participants depart for Izmir Airport for Pegasus flight PC3300  
19:30/20:45 to Istanbul.

### Jun 13 Fri Departures for return home

07:00-09:30 Breakfast  
Transfer to Izmir airport for departure \*Please give us your departure flight information

## Land Rates:

**\$1,990** Per Person in Double Occupancy  
**\$450** Single Room Supplement

### Includes:

- 6 nights at Kordon Cankaya Hotel in Izmir
- Daily breakfast and 6 dinners
- 5 Lunches
- Entrance fees to all sites as per itinerary
- English-speaking licensed tour guide throughout the itinerary
- Transfers & transportation by private motorcoach with A/C
- Personalized certificate of participation
- Attendance to all meetings
- Service charges and local taxes

### Excludes:

- All flights
- Drinks (other than bottled water)
- Tips to tour guides and drivers
- All personal expenses, Travel and Health Insurances, any other item not mentioned above
- **TURKISH VISA:** Participants are responsible for checking their own countries' visa regulations to Turkey at [www.evisa.gov.tr](http://www.evisa.gov.tr)
- Optional Pre-Tour and Optional Post-Tour

## Registration:

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### Program:

- June 12 Thu** Arrive Istanbul Airport. Dinner and overnight at the Moevenpick Golden Horn Hotel. (D)
- June 13 Fri** Istanbul Tour of Constantinople (modern Istanbul). Dinner and overnight at the Moevenpick Golden Horn Hotel. (B,D)
- June 14 Sat** Drive to Nicaea (modern Iznik). Dinner and overnight at Wellborn Luxury Hotel Kocaeli. (B,D)
- June 15 Sun** Nicaea - Lectures by professors on 1st and 7th councils. Dinner and overnight at Wellborn Luxury Hotel Kocaeli. (B,D)
- June 16 Mon** Nicomedia - Istanbul. Dinner and overnight at the Moevenpick Golden Horn Hotel. (B,D)
- June 17 Tue** Istanbul - Lectures by professors on 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th councils. Dinner and overnight at the Moevenpick Golden Horn Hotel. (B,D)
- June 18 Wed** Istanbul - Morning Lectures by professors on 3rd council. Dinner and overnight at the Moevenpick Golden Horn Hotel. (B,D)
- June 19 Thu** Morning flight to Cappadocia. Dinner and overnight at the Barcelo Hotel in Cappadocia. (B,D)
- June 20 Fri** Cappadocia - Closing. Dinner and overnight at Barcelo Hotel in Cappadocia. (B,D)
- June 21 Sat** Morning flight to Istanbul - END

**Rates:**  
**\$1,990** Per Person in Double Occupancy  
**\$860** Single Room Supplement

### STUDY TOUR WITH LECTURES



**Prof. Dr. Mark Wilson**  
 Professor Extraordinary of New Testament, Stellenbosch University & Director, Asia Minor Research Center



**Dr. David McCabe**  
 Professor of New Testament & Greek, Bethel University



**Dr. Mark Fairchild**  
 Emeritus, New Testament Professor, Huntington University



**Dr. Richard M. Gamble**  
 Professor of History, Anna Margaret Ross Alexander Chair in History and Politics, Hillsdale College



**Dr. Glen Thompson**  
 Professor Emeritus, Asia Lutheran Seminary (Hong Kong)



**Dr. Douglas Jacoby**  
 Professor of Theology, Lincoln Christian University



**Dr. Jason Borges**  
 Asia Minor Research Center, Antalya



**Dr. Stefana Dan Laing**  
 Associate Professor of Divinity, Theological Librarian, Beeson Divinity School



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 Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

## Nicaea 1700 PROGRAM MAP

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