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# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Robert B. Aderholt
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Marguerite Caroline Aderholt OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: May 25, 2023 Return: May 30, 2023  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Serbia, Croatia Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Fellowship Foundation (d.b.a. International Foundation)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):  
See attached.

7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a.  I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.  
**Signify statement is true by checking the box.**  
 b. If not, explain:

**I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.** I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert B. Aderholt

Date: 06/13/2023



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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original  Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip *within ten days of their return*. You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Fellowship Foundation (d.b.a. International Foundation)
2. Travel Destination(s): Belgrade, Serbia & Zagreb, Croatia
3. Date of Departure: May 25, 2023 Date of Return: May 30, 2023
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Robert Aderholt & Caroline Aderholt  
*Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.*
5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$3673.91	\$1057.65	\$294.90	\$400 Registration Fee for SE European Gathering
Accompanying Family Member	\$3673.91		\$294.90	\$400 Registration Fee for SE European Gathering

6.  All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Katherine Crane Date: 6/12/23

Name: Katherine Crane Title: President

Organization: International Foundation

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: P.O. Box 45960, Baltimore, MD 21297-5960

Email: katycrane1732@me.com Telephone: (503) 816-3240

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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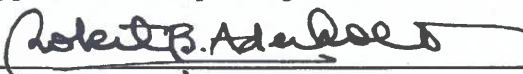
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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Robert B. Aderholt
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
Fellowship Foundation (d.b.a. International Foundation)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Servia; Croatia
4. a. Date of Departure: 5/25/2023 Date of Return: 6/2/2023  
 b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: May 31, 2023; June 1, 2023
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**  
 (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Marguerite Caroline Aderholt  
 (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
 b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
  
*NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.*
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.  
**Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
 See Attached
9. Yes  No  **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member  Date 05/18/2023



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## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a **Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:  
Fellowship Foundation (d.b.a. International Foundation)
2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
  - b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
  - c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.  
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
See attached document
5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: May 25, 2023 Date of return: May 31, 2023
7. a. City of departure: Washington Dulles  
b. Destination(s): Belgrade, Serbia; Pristina, Kosovo; and Tirana, Albania  
c. City of return: Tirana, Albania
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
  - b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
  - c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
  - a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. Signify that the statement is true by checking box; **OR**
- b.  Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
See attached document
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: commercial chartered bus & private car)
- b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.  
If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Hilton Belgrade City: Belgrade Cost Per Night: \$240 + tax  
Reason(s) for Selecting: The organizers of the event selected it and are holding a block of rooms here for it is near the government buildings
- Hotel Name: Swiss Diamond Hotel City: Pristina Cost Per Night: \$175 + tax  
Reason(s) for Selecting: Hotel is near the government buildings & we are familiar with this hotel from staying there previously
- Hotel Name: Radisson Collection Morina Hotel City: Tirana Cost Per Night: \$200 + tax  
Reason(s) for Selecting: It came recommended from a local MP friend & easy access to airport
17.  I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.



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### 18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$2500	\$547.50	\$335
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$2500	\$547.50	\$335

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$400	Registration fee (meals, bus & boat transport)
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$400	Registration fee (meals, bus & boat transport)

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### 19. Check only one:

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; OR
- b.  Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

### 20. I certify by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Katherine Crane Date: 4/24/2023  
 Name: Katherine Crane Title: Chairman of the International Foundation Board  
 Organization: International Foundation  
 Address: P.O. Box 45960, Baltimore, MD 21297-5960  
 Email: katycrane1732@me.com Telephone: (503) 816-3240

## INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

[ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov](mailto:ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov) | 202-225-7103  
More information and forms available at [ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)

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May 23, 2023

The Honorable Robert B. Aderholt  
U.S. House of Representatives  
266 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Serbia and Croatia,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for May 25 to June 2, 2023, sponsored by Fellowship Foundation (d.b.a. International Foundation). We note that this trip includes two days at your personal expense.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

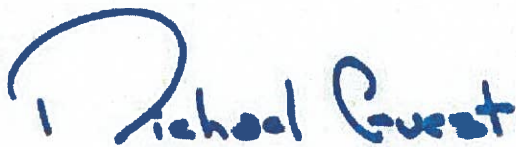
Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or [ohsstaff@mail.house.gov](mailto:ohsstaff@mail.house.gov). House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael Guest  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Susan Wild  
Ranking Member

MG/SW:tn



**Southeast European Trip**  
**Final Itinerary**  
**May 2023**

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023**

5:25pm Delta Flight 9447 departs Washington Dulles  
Operated by KLM

**FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023**

7:05am Flight arrives in Amsterdam, Netherlands

9:40am Delta Flight 9210 departs Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Operated by KLM

12:05-3:30pm Flight arrives in Belgrade, Serbia (BiH)  
Go through customs and travel to Hilton Belgrade  
Hilton Belgrade: Kralja Milana 34, Belgrade, 11000, Serbia  
Arrive at hotel to check in, eat lunch, rest, shower, catch up on work emails and change for the evening

5:30-6:00pm Registration process for the SE European Gathering in the Hilton Belgrade

5:30pm Dinner with Vladimir Marinkovic, lady who works for Mr. Marinkovic (?Tijana Pljakic?), Bill Wall, Stan Holmes at nearby restaurant

9:30-10:00pm Overnight at Hilton Belgrade

**SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023**

8:45am-9:10am Breakfast in hotel with Fatmir Mediu (Member of Parliament & former Minister of Defense from Albania)

8:00-8:45am Meeting with Aleksandar Ivica Dacic (Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia) and Vladimir Marinković (Envoy of the President of the Republic of Serbia for Religious Freedom)  
Location: Serbia Ministry of Foreign Affairs

9:15-9:30am Travel from Belgrade Hilton to St. Sava Temple via buses with other SE European Gathering participants  
St. Sava Temple: Krušedolska 2a, Belgrade, 11000, Serbia

9:30am-11:00am Tour of St. Sava Temple  
Tentative Host: Archbishop Stefan (Head of St. Sava Temple)

11:00am-12:00pm Travel from St. Sava Temple to the Sava River via buses with other SE European Gathering participants

12:00-2:00pm Lunch on river cruise boat for all participants of SE European Gathering

Host: Meho Mahmutovic (State Secretary, Ministry of Health) and Samuil Petrovski (National Director of EUS)

## **Southeast European Trip**

### ***Final Itinerary***

**May 2023**

- 2:00-2:30pm Travel from Sava River to Belgrade Hilton via buses that will transport all SE European Gathering participants.
- 2:30-3:00pm Change clothes if needed....
- 6:30-7:00pm Travel from Belgrade Hilton to the Palace of Serbia via buses  
Palace of Serbia: Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2, Belgrade, 11000, Serbia
- 7:00-10:00pm Prayer Dinner at Palace of Serbia  
Tentative Hosts: Dr. Vladimir Orlić (Speaker of the National Assembly in Republic of Serbia) and Vladimir Marinković (Envoy of the President of the Republic of Serbia for Religious Freedom)
- 10:00-10:30pm Travel back to Belgrade Hilton

### **SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023**

- 9:00-12:30pm Security Forum in a private room in Belgrade Hilton  
Hosts: Vladimir Marinković (Envoy of the President of the Republic of Serbia for Religious Freedom) and Fatmir Mediu (MP from Albania)  
Discussion – Each country represented will share their security concerns as it specifically relates to Russia and China's influences in Europe. Congressman Aderholt's participation in both previous similar forums and the OSCE gives him a unique insight which will add value to the discussion.
- 12:30-2:30pm Lunch Retreat Discussion with Vladimir Marinković, Fatmir Mediu, Samuil Petrovski, Mark Pritchard (MP from the UK) & other key leaders from area  
Tentative Location: Restaurant Ambar Belgrade, Karadordeva 2, Beograd 11000
- 3:15pm to 5:00pm Robert and Caroline meet up with Bill Wall and go to area cafes and shops
- 7:00-8:30pm Dinner with Bill Wall, Stan Holmes & George Tsereteli (MP from Georgia)  
Location: Botega Restaurant  
Discussion: Ukraine & Russia war, and its impact on Georgia; the Prayer Group in Parliament in Georgia.

### **MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023**

- 5:15am Check out of the hotel, travel to the airport, go through security and grab a light breakfast at the airport
- 6:45am Air Serbia 230 departs Belgrade, Serbia  
Operated by Lufthansa Airlines
- 8:00am-12:00pm Flight arrives in Zagreb, Croatia  
Go through customs and travel to Hilton Belgrade  
Esplanade Zagreb Hotel: Ul. Antuna Mihanovića 1, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia  
Arrive at hotel to check in, rest and catch up on work emails
- 12:00-2:00pm Lunch with Silvije Hraste (Attorney) and Marko Vojkovic (Director of the Emporion Ulaganja Ltd) meet at Esplanade Zagreb Hotel to either eat there or walk to a lunch location nearby

**Southeast European Trip**  
***Final Itinerary***  
**May 2023**

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| 2:00-2:30pm | Travel to Parliament  |
| 2:30pm      | Meet with Stephen Bartulica (MP, Head of Parliamentary group of the Homeland Movement) in the Parliament. Congressman Aderholt met with Gordan Grlić Radman (Foreign Minister of Croatia), followed by Mr. Barulica taking the Congressman and Mrs. Aderholt to The Center for the Renewal of Culture team<br>Host: Stephen Bartulica (MP, Head of Parliamentary group of the Homeland Movement)<br>The Center for the Renewal of Culture: Tomašićeva 11, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia |
| 6:00-7:30pm | Travel from Parliament to restaurant location   |
| 7:00-9:00pm | Dinner with Stephen Bartulica and MPs from Croatian Parliament and Angelo Bartulica (Catholic Priest)<br>Host: Stephen Bartulica (MP, Head of Parliamentary group of the Homeland Movement)<br>Location: TBD Restoran Bota Šare   |
| 9:00pm      | Travel back to hotel  |

**TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023**

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| 7:15am  | Check out of hotel and depart for the airport                                  |
| 9:00am  | Air France Flight 5075 departs Zagreb, Croatia<br>Operated by Croatia Airlines |
| 11:05am | Flight arrives in Paris, France  |
| 2:00pm  | Delta Flight 8606 departs Paris, France<br>Operated by Air France              |
| 5:20pm  | Flight arrives in Atlanta, GA  |
| 9:20pm  | Delta 2791 departs Atlanta, GA   |
| 9:11pm  | Flight arrives in Birmingham, AL   |

- 4.) *Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited:*

Congressman Robert Aderholt has been involved with Southeast Europe for much of his Congressional career. Through his involvement with the US National Prayer Breakfast held in February, the Congressman has met and built friendships with leaders throughout Europe, and especially Southeast Europe. He is also an active participant in OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe) and is a commissioner on the Helsinki Commission. Through both of those organizations, he has made connections with other leaders throughout Europe. Many of those leaders come to the US on a regular basis and Congressman Aderholt works to make time to meet with them. When he travels through Europe on OSCE or Helsinki Commission work, he reaches out to meet with the various friends and connects with them in their home countries.

Congressman Aderholt has traveled multiple times with the International Foundation to attend various Southeast European Gatherings which is hosted each year by a different country in the region. He does this for the purpose of deepening the relationships and strengthening the spiritual basis of many of those relationships. He is well known and deeply respected throughout Southeast Europe for his leadership and friendship, and he knows many of the key leaders in each of the countries in the region. The Congressman is interested in people, has a special knowledge of European issues and desires to see the people in the region experience a generation of peace and harmony and spiritual development.

- 12.) *For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:*

The Fellowship Foundation (d.b.a. International Foundation) formerly assisted and served the weekly House and Senate Prayer Breakfast Groups in organizing the National Prayer Breakfast each year, until this previous one. With a 70-year history of helping to organize the National Prayer Breakfast, the International Foundation continues to encourage many countries to have weekly groups in their own Parliaments where they pray, fellowship and consider the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. That is what has happened in Southeast Europe, more specifically Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, Macedonia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Fellowship Foundation is assisting the Serbian hosts to provide organizational and relational support for the Southeast European Gathering. The Foundation is providing the funds for Congressman Aderholt and Mrs. Caroline Aderholt's travel with no other entity or grant covering any portion. The Southeast European Gathering is for the purpose of broadening and deepening relationships and the impact of the Prayer Groups in their respective nations.

\*\*\*Contact Information\*\*\*

Please note that if you have any questions about the information provided you may contact Stan Holmes. He would be the best person to answer your inquiries for he is working directly with those on the ground in country regarding details of this trip. You may reach him at stanholmes@corefellowship.us or by calling his mobile of (571) 243-4443.

**Subject:** Southeastern European Gathering 2023

**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 12:14:59 PM Central Daylight Time

**From:** SE European Gathering <seegathering@gmail.com>

Dear friends,

We are happy to let you know that the '*Southeastern European Gathering 2023*' will be organized in Serbia after seven years.

Prayer meeting is a wonderful opportunity to come together, share our experiences, pray for each other and the world, and strengthen our cooperation with the 'Fellowship' organizations worldwide.

The theme of this year's meeting is:

**"Peace on Earth - Goodwill among People."**

(Gospel according to Luke 2:14)

This year regional prayer breakfast is held in rather turbulent geopolitical circumstances globally. Like never before, we all need to come together in common prayer, looking for opportunities that bring us together for development, on which we can build the future.

What has been characteristic of our region throughout history is that we are always offering true, sincere friendship, which should be the axiom of our leadership and actions in the present and future.

Peace is needed today at all levels in our families, society, Europe and the world.

But first, let's seek peace with the Creator, then peace with people.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the

*'Southeastern European Gathering 2023'* and activities from 26-28 May,

to strengthen our friendship and send a message that the region is unified when we have faith and believe in Jesus, who offered everything needed for humanity to live in peace, joy, and happiness.

Scripture reminds us:

**"Blessed are the peacemakers"** Jesus of Nazareth

**"Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone"** Paul of Tarsus

Indeed, these words ring in our hearts even today, and we should more than ever use every opportunity to manifest this call for the benefit of our people and the whole world.

Your presence at this meeting would be greatly appreciated, and we hope you will consider attending. We would be honoured to have you join us for this special occasion.

The official recommendation for accommodation is Hotel Hilton. Please submit your reservation by the 5th of May to use the special prices offered by the hotel. You can book your stay on the following link.

[Hilton Hotel Booking](#)

More information will be available in the following email.

Blessings,

**Organizational team**

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**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023**

5:30pm United Flight 989 departs Washington Dulles

**FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023**

7:40am Flight arrives in Frankfurt, Germany

10:45am United Flight 9299 departs Frankfurt, Germany  
Operated by Lufthansa Airlines

12:35-6:00pm Flight arrives in Belgrade, Serbia (BiH)  
Go through customs and travel to Hilton Belgrade  
Hilton Belgrade: Kralja Milana 34, Belgrade, 11000, Serbia  
Arrive at hotel to check in, eat lunch, rest, shower, catch up on work emails and change for the evening

6:00-6:45pm Registration process for the SE European Gathering in the Hilton Belgrade

6:45-7:00pm Travel from Hilton Belgrade to National Assembly of Republic of Serbia by car  
National Assembly: 13 Nikola Pasic Square, Belgrade, 11000, Serbia

7:00-9:30pm Welcome Reception and Dinner at National Assembly of Republic of Serbia  
Host: Dr. Vladimir Orlić (Speaker of the National Assembly in Republic of Serbia)  
Discussion: How to create meaningful bonds across political, ethnic and religious divides as Jesus of Nazareth did to be an effective public servant. Congressman Aderholt will give a welcome on behalf of U.S. House Prayer Group and share about the purpose and history of the National Prayer Breakfast as well as the unifying effect of building relationships around Jesus, not politics. He will share of his commonality of being an elected official who is bringing change to build bridges with his colleagues in the House.

9:30-9:45pm Travel back to Hilton Belgrade

**SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023**

8:30-9:30am Breakfast in hotel with Fatmir Mediu (Member of Parliament & former Minister of Defense from Albania)  
Discussion – Overview of the political situation of SE Europe, but in Albania specifically and how outside geopolitics influences effects his country and the region.  
Congressman Aderholt is part of the Helsinki Commission which among other issues is concerned about human rights and economic cooperation. One of the reasons Congressman Aderholt cares about these issues is because both are discussed in the Scriptures.

9:30-10:15am Meeting with Aleksandar Vučić (President of the Republic of Serbia) and Vladimir Marinković (Envoy of the President of the Republic of Serbia for Religious Freedom)  
Location: TBD but either Belgrade Hilton lobby or the President's office  
Discussion – Serbia and US relations, their commonalities and how both nations have

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strong faith presence around the person of Jesus.

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| 10:30-11:00am   | Travel from Belgrade Hilton to St. Sava Temple via buses with other SE European Gathering participants<br>St. Sava Temple: Krušedolska 2a, Belgrade, 11000, Serbia  |
| 11:00am-12:30pm | Tour of St. Sava Temple<br>Tentative Host: Archbishop Stefan (Head of St. Sava Temple)<br>Discussion: The religious and historical importance of this church as it relates to the politics within the country; and the degree to which the separation of church and state occurs within the political realm of Serbian politics, and how Jesus of Nazareth is perceived by each of the religions in the region.   |
| 12:30am-1:00pm  | Travel from St. Sava Temple to the Sava River via buses with other SE European Gathering participants   |
| 1:00-3:00pm     | Lunch on river cruise boat for all participants of SE European Gathering<br>Host: Meho Mahmutovic (State Secretary, Ministry of Health) and Samuil Petrovski (National Director of EUS)<br>Discussion: The effects of divisions within a people group (country, region) and how to overcome them in a lasting way through cultural, religious and relational commonalities. Congressman Aderholt will share how by focusing on what he can find in common with the person he is interacting with - be it faith in Jesus, food, sharing of family stories or political experiences - he can have an effective discussion with anyone that will benefit-each of them and the people they serve. |
| 3:00-3:45pm     | Travel from Sava River to Belgrade Hilton via buses that will transport all SE European Gathering participants.   |
| 3:45-4:30pm     | Change and prepare for late afternoon meeting and dinner  |
| 4:30-6:30pm     | Security Forum in a private room in Belgrade Hilton<br>Hosts: Vladimir Marinković (Envoy of the President of the Republic of Serbia for Religious Freedom) and Fatmir Mediu (MP from Albania)<br>Discussion – Each country represented will share their security concerns as it specifically relates to Russia and China’s influences in Europe. Congressman Aderholt’s participation in both previous similar forums and the OSCE gives him a unique insight which will add value to the discussion.   |
| 6:30-7:00pm     | Travel from Belgrade Hilton to the Palace of Serbia via buses<br>Palace of Serbia: Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2, Belgrade, 11000, Serbia  |
| 7:00-10:00pm    | Prayer Dinner at Palace of Serbia<br>Tentative Hosts: Dr. Vladimir Orlić (Speaker of the National Assembly in Republic of Serbia) and Vladimir Marinković (Envoy of the President of the Republic of Serbia for Religious Freedom)<br>Discussion: How to continue to build lasting peace in the region amongst deep divisions of religious, ethnic and cultural differences. Because of Congressman Aderholt’s involvement with OSCE, he can share about his experiences interacting with leaders in other governments.   |
| 10:00-10:30pm   | Travel back to Belgrade Hilton  |



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**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023**

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| 8:30-9:45am    | Breakfast and check out of hotel  |
| 10:00am-1:00pm | Retreat with Members of Parliament from the region in Belgrade Hilton<br>Hosts: Fatmir Mediu (MP from Albania) and Vladimir Marinković (Envoy of the President of the Republic of Serbia for Religious Freedom)<br>Discussion: The role of a bipartisan, interfaith Parliamentarian Prayer Group in each country in the region. How such a group can help deal with tensions and fractures that often come with public life. How such a group tends to build bridges over the divides of politics through the key elements of studying the life teachings of Jesus of Nazareth and forming relationships across those natural divides of ethnicity, religion and politics. The US continues to navigate through similar divides, Congressman Aderholt will share his personal experiences as to how he has come to effectively know and work with colleagues and the government leaders from differing perspectives than his own. |
| 1:00-3:00pm    | Lunch with Vladimir Marinković, Fatmir Mediu, Samuil Petrovski,<br>Tentative Location: Restaurant Ambar Belgrade, Karadordeva 2, Beograd 11000<br>Discussion: Debrief of the SE European Gathering and the retreat with select key MPs from the region. Will converse about how the interaction went and how to help each country either build or strengthen their Parliamentarian Prayer Group while remaining focused on Jesus of Nazareth. Each country has its own relational, ethic and government issues so how to keep the groups strong and engaged with all parties within the government.   |
| 3:00-10:00pm   | Private sightseeing and walking the city with Mrs. Caroline Aderholt<br>All plans and expenses will be covered by them personally during this time  |

**MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023**

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| 8:30-9:30am   | Breakfast in hotel restaurant  |
| 9:30-10:00am  | Travel to Speaker of National Assembly's governmental office via taxi  |
| 10:00-11:00am | Meeting with Dr. Vladimir Orlić (Speaker of the National Assembly in Republic of Serbia) and Vladimir Marinković (Envoy of the President of the Republic of Serbia for Religious Freedom) in his government office<br>Discussion: Debrief about the SE European Gathering and re-enforce how important having a weekly time for the Members of Parliament to know each other outside of work conversations so they will form deeper relationships to ultimately be able to get more work done. |
| 11:00-11:30am | Travel back to hotel via taxi  |
| 11:30am       | Pack and check out of the hotel, travel to the airport, go through security and grab a light snack at the airport  |
| 1:20pm        | Air Serbia 212 departs Belgrade, Serbia<br>Operated by Lufthansa Airlines  |
| 2:35-3:15pm   | Flight arrives in Tirana, Albania  |

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Go through customs and load into private car

3:15-7:15pm

Drive to Pristina, Kosovo via private car

7:15pm

Arrive and check into Swiss Diamond Hotel

Swiss Diamond Hotel: Boulevard Mother Teresa N.N., Pristina 10000, Kosovo

8:00-9:30pm

Dinner with Armend Zemaj (Member of Parliament) at the hotel

Discussion: His impressions of The Gathering at the Washington Hilton, that happened the same week as the National Prayer Breakfast on Capitol Hill. As an active Member within the House Prayer Group, the Congress will share how the change occurred along with the pros and cons of having a separate event at the Hilton, and the impact it has had in his relationships both with colleagues in the House and international Parliamentarians who came for The Gathering.

**TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023**

8:30-10:00am

Breakfast with Armend Zemaj (Member of Parliament) and Visar Azemi (President of Democratic League of Kosovo) at hotel restaurant

Discussion: The men will share their views of how the Parliamentarian Prayer Group is functioning in regards to the mission of building relationships across politics and based on Jesus of Nazareth, as well as how their Parliament is functioning. Congressman Aderholt will add value for he was in office when Kosovo officially split from Serbia. Additionally because he has close friends in both parties he has knowledge of the political dynamics between the two countries.

10:00-11:00am

Check out of hotel, transition and travel to Parliament Building  
It is a 10-minute walk to the Parliament Buildings

11:00am-12:30pm

Meeting with others from Parliamentarian Prayer Group

Avdullah Hoti (Member of Parliament), Besnik Tahiri (Member of Parliament) and Blerta Deliu (Member of Parliament)  
Discussion: They will discuss governmental affairs of their country and that of neighboring countries. Converse about the various relational dynamics within the Prayer Group and the challenges of growing those that participate across party lines while keeping the mission of focusing on Jesus of Nazareth and the Scriptures. Congressman Aderholt can speak to the issues within Kosovo and with their neighbors from his work on the Helsinki Commission. As a former Co-Chair of the House Prayer Group, he is able to share from his experience of working across the aisle to bring in all Members of the House to their Thursday time of fellowship, prayer and conversing around Jesus.

1:00-2:00pm

Lunch with Dr. Ahmet and Hatixhe Shala (former Ambassador and Minister of the Republic of Kosovo) at a nearby restaurant (TBD)

Discussion: Will discuss the US and Kosovo government relations as Dr. Shala was a former Ambassador to Japan and former Minister of Economy and Finance, and he and the Congressman have a longtime friend that has been formed through events like the SE European Gathering and the US National Prayer Breakfast. Because of those events and what they have gleaned from attending them, they will discuss how their personal relationship with Jesus and also with others have been key in their being successful in not only their work but also their private lives as husbands, fathers and friends.

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2:00-6:00pm	Drive back to Tirana, Albania via private car
6:00pm	Arrive and check into Radisson Collection Morina Hotel Radisson Collection Morina Hotel: Ligeni i thate, Rruga "Hamdi Garunja", Tirana, 1063, Albania
7:00-8:30pm	Dinner at hotel with a few Members from Parliamentary Prayer Group Tentative hosts: Toni Gogu (Member of Parliament), Dhurata Cupi Tyli (Member of Parliament) and Blerina Gjylameti (Member of Parliament) Discussion: The political climate in Albania and how outside influences effect their politics. The Congressman will share from his knowledge of participating in the OSCE meetings, and also discuss with the MPs the strength they have within their Parliamentary Prayer Group if they keep it focused on Jesus of Nazareth and the Scriptures.
8:30pm	Back to hotel room

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023**

4:30-5:00am	Check out of hotel and depart for the airport
6:35am	Lufthansa Flight 1455 departs Tirana, Albania
9:05am	Flight arrives in Frankfurt, Germany
12:20pm	United 988 departs Frankfurt, Germany
3:15pm	Flight arrives in Washington Dulles

**\*\*The hosts and speakers for the SE European Gathering are still tentative. The Organizational Committees are working on these details.**