



GALA DINNER CRUISE FAQs

Who is invited? Any PEVA minister, church employee, member of the Committee on Ministry, and their guest

Who is hosting? Committee on Ministry's Wellness Team; Moderator, Rev. Veronica Thomas

What? A cruise on the Spirit of Mount Vernon

[SPIRIT OF MOUNT VERNON](#) (replacing the Spirit of Norfolk)

Recently renovated from top to bottom, the Spirit of Mount Vernon is licensed by the United States Coast Guard to carry up to 500 passengers and crew. Spirit of Mount Vernon boards and disembarks from Otter Berth in Norfolk, Virginia. *Wheelchair accessible.*



What does the cruise include:

- 2.5-hour cruise along the Elizabeth River (plus 1 additional hour dockside for our private event)
- Delicious dinner buffet with freshly prepared entrees, salads, and desserts
- Spectacular views of the Navy's mighty Atlantic Fleet
- Onboard entertainment with DJ music, access to lounge spaces, and interactive games
- Unlimited coffee, hot tea, and iced tea
- Cash bar available
- Photo taken as you board (for purchase)

When? Friday, May 12, 2023, at 5:00pm (We can embark at **4:45pm**)

At 5:30pm PEVA will have a brief program including a greeting and prayer.

If you're running late, do not worry. The ship will not depart until 7:00pm.

The cruise will conclude, and disembarking will be at 9:30pm.

Where?

[Otter Berth - 333 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA](#)

Where should I park?

- Spirit of Mount Vernon departs from Otter Berth, which is adjacent to Town Point Park in downtown Norfolk. There is convenient parking in the Waterside Garage, located one block from the ship. Parking is also available at the Town Point Garage, located at the intersection of Waterside Drive and Main Street. Visit norfolk.gov/parking for more information or check out the attached Parking Guide.

What is the cost?

\$100 per participant by April 19, 2023

- Presbytery will pay 1/2 cost towards **all current PEVA Ministers, Commissioned Pastors, and Certified Christian Educators.**
- We encourage PEVA churches, or organizations, to consider paying the other 1/2 for those listed above in appreciation for their dedication and service to the church. [Church payment form.](#)
- Likewise, we see this as an opportunity for our churches to do something extra special for their staff by offering this opportunity to them. If the church can do so, we encourage churches to pay as much as possible to cover the cost of additional staff member's ticket. Those who attend are welcome to bring a guest at the cost of \$100.

How Do I Pay?

- Please register online at <http://www.pcusa-peva.org/register> or scan the QR code to pay online. You will be prompted on payment options (check or pay online). If you have questions, please contact the Presbytery Office (757-397-7063).



Cancellation Policy

- We are unable to refund the cost of your ticket 21 days (**April 20, 2023**) before the event. City Experiences will not be out of money, but the presbytery will, if you cancel. Please be mindful of this policy as you make plans.

What shall I wear?

- The event attire is **Formal** and **Black Tie Optional**.
- We look forward to making this an extra special evening for those who give so much to our churches and the ministry of Jesus Christ. It is for this reason we have suggested formal attire.
- Please note, you will not be turned away if you're wearing something more comfortable. Church clothes are just fine!

Name Tags

- The Wellness team hopes that this event will be an opportunity to build relationships amongst our ministers, staff, and significant others. Please know that we will ask people to wear name tags even with your formal attire.