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Directions to Lake Merritt United Methodist Church

▲ **Main entrance: 1330 Lakeshore Avenue** ▲

▲ **Administrative/delivery entrance: 1255 First Avenue @ E 14th** ▲

▲ **Oakland, CA 94606** ▲ **(510) 465-4793** ▲

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church is located at the southeast end of Lake Merritt. Situated next to a 25-story apartment complex, we are not far from the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center. Our main entrance is on Lakeshore Avenue where there is street parking and our parking garage (which is only open by prior arrangement). Our administrative center entry is at the rear of the facility on First Avenue, where there is a small parking lot.

MAJOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AT OUR END OF LAKE MERRITT.

- The directions given below are suggested as the easiest way around the construction.
- Our parking lot on First Avenue is now only accessible via an easement.
- First Avenue no longer circles around to Lakeshore Avenue.
- You now must make a distinct turn near E. 16th & First Avenue to continue onto Lakeshore Avenue, which is now a cul-de-sac.
- 14th Street along the perimeter of the lake has been torn down. Follow the detour signs.

Please allow sufficient time for maneuvering the detours and finding parking.

We do not recommend the use of online map/direction sites to locate the church.

- **Interstate 580 from SF/Berkeley and points north.** Take the Grand Avenue exit and go to the second light, which is Lakeshore Avenue. Turn **right** and follow around the shore of Lake Merritt approximately **1 mile**.
 - To reach our front entrance on Lakeshore Avenue, **you must turn right at a new intersection near E. 16th to continue on Lakeshore Avenue; ignore any ROAD CLOSED signs. Lakeshore Avenue is now a cul-de-sac and open to local traffic only.** There is usually street parking on Lakeshore Avenue (though most of it is limited to two hours) and our underground parking garage entrance is also accessible from Lakeshore Ave.
 - To reach our parking lot at 1255 First Avenue, continue straight at E. 16th (do not turn right onto Lakeshore Avenue). At the light at E. 14th/International Blvd., take the **right fork** in the road (**marked in blue**). You will pass the former entrance to the parking lot. Go approximately 300 feet and turn **right** into an easement (**marked in yellow**) where indicated by the traffic sign. Continue until you reach the parking lot entrance. The parking lot is no longer directly accessible from First Avenue.
- **Interstate 580 from the south or east.** Exit at **Lakeshore Avenue** and turn **left** onto Lakeshore. Then follow the directions as described above.
- **Interstate 80 from San Jose or the south:** Exit at **Oak Street** and turn **right** onto **Oak**. Go past the BART station and turn **right** onto **10th Street (marked in pink)**, just before the Oakland Museum. 10th Street will take you past the Kaiser Convention Center on your left and Laney College on your right. Take the first possible **left** hand turn after you pass the Convention Center onto **2nd Avenue**. Go three blocks and turn **left** on **E. 14th/International Blvd.**, which will dead end at **First Avenue**. Then:
 - To reach our **parking lot on First Avenue**, turn **left** at the light **into the far right lane (marked in blue)**; go approximately 300 feet and turn **right** into an easement (**marked in yellow**) where indicated by the traffic sign. Continue until you reach the parking lot entrance. The parking lot is no longer directly accessible from First Avenue.
 - To reach **Lakeshore Avenue**, turn **right** onto **First Avenue**, and then make the first **left** onto **Lakeshore Avenue; ignore any ROAD CLOSED signs. Lakeshore Avenue is now a cul-de-sac and open to local traffic only.** There is usually street parking on Lakeshore Avenue (though most of it is limited to two hours) and our underground parking garage entrance is accessible from Lakeshore Ave.



over for directions from downtown Oakland and other important information



- **From downtown Oakland:** Take **10th Street (marked in pink)** toward Lake Merritt. 10th Street will take you past the Kaiser Convention Center on your left and Laney College on your right. Take the first possible left hand turn after you pass the Convention Center onto 2nd Avenue. Go three blocks and turn **left** on E. 14th/International Blvd., which will dead end at First Avenue.
 - **To reach our parking lot on First Avenue,** turn **left** at the light into the **far right lane (marked in blue)**; go approximately 300 feet and turn **right** into the easement (**marked in yellow**) where indicated by the traffic sign. Continue until you reach the parking lot entrance. The parking lot is no longer directly accessible from First Avenue.
 - **To reach Lakeshore Avenue,** turn **right** onto **First Avenue,** and then make the first **left** onto **Lakeshore Avenue; ignore any ROAD CLOSED signs. Lakeshore Avenue is now a cul-de-sac and open to local traffic only.** There is usually street parking on Lakeshore Avenue (though most of it is limited to two hours) and our underground parking garage entrance is accessible from Lakeshore Ave.

Parking is no longer permitted on First Avenue and is limited on Lakeshore Ave (mostly 2 hr limited during daytime, except Sundays and holidays). Some all-day parking is allowed on streets north and east of the church. Please beware of parking restrictions during some hours of the week, and that some parts of those streets only allow 2 hour parking. All these streets are a few blocks away from the church, so please allow enough time to park and walk to the church. You can enter the church at 1255 First Ave.

Public Transportation (or walking from downtown Oakland) on 14th Street):

The Lake Merritt BART station is an easy ½ mile (approximately) walk to/from the church. From BART, walk in a northerly direction on **Oak Street**. You will pass the Oakland Museum and the County Courthouse on your right. Pass the County Courthouse and **cross 14th Street,** then turn **right,** following the temporary pedestrian walkway which begins at the corner of 14th Street and Lakeside Drive then veers off to the right and runs alongside the new vehicular detour. (**marked in green**) **The temporary pedestrian walkway is only accessible at 14th Street and will take you around to First Avenue, not to the front of the church on Lakeshore Avenue. You can enter at our First Avenue entrance.**

AC Transit buses run to several stops in close proximity to the intersection of E. 14th Street/International Blvd and First Avenue, near our entrance at 1255 First Avenue. For current bus and BART info, call Travel Info at 511 or go to www.511.org



