



General Board of
CHURCH & SOCIETY
of The United Methodist Church

Susquehanna Conference Seminar Trip To:

General Board of Church & Society
100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC
February 10-13, 2019

WHAT: Join colleagues and friends for a fun, educational trip to Washington, DC and the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society. This particular seminar will focus on the work of the GBCS around **racism and privilege**. We will learn how to better address these issues in our local communities.

WHEN: Our coach bus will depart from 2 locations in the Susquehanna Conference. We will promptly depart from **First UMC, Williamsport, (604 Market St., Williamsport)** at **3pm** and **Paxton UMC, (3550 N. Progress Ave., Harrisburg)** around **5pm** on **Sunday, February 10th**. We will return to Paxton UMC around **5pm** on **Wednesday, February 13th**, with the bus continuing to **Williamsport**.

SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS: We will spend time at the United Methodist Building in the heart of Washington DC, learning about the UMC General Board of Church and Society. We will have an opportunity to meet with our US Senators and/or members of their staff. We will specifically be learning about racism and privilege, issues that deeply affect us as individuals, as churches, and as a society. There will also be free time to explore DC. More details upon registration.

TOPIC: **White Privilege and Racism**

In our 2017 seminar on poverty/homelessness, between sessions, we had a heated conversation about privilege in the United States. Do white people benefit from being white? For some this seems obvious, but some of our participants did not feel like they benefited at all from being white. As they looked at their lives and the challenges they have faced, they felt being white did not give them any significant advantages. Statistically though, when all other factors are accounted for, white people benefit from being white. Educationally, white persons have statistically better educational opportunities. They are more likely to be hired. On average they have a better income once hired. There is ample evidence that persons of color are treated differently by the criminal justice system. Evidence shows that persons of color spend more on everything from food at the grocery store to auto insurance than white persons in similar circumstances.

Join us as we look at white privilege and racism and how we can respond as a people of faith. Past seminars have had speakers from the National Coalition for the Homelessness, Jobs with Justice, Children's Defense Fund, NAACP, and staff from the General Board of Church and Society.

COST: Cost is **\$375**. This includes coach bus transportation, lodging at the Hotel Harrington in Washington (*single rooms available at an additional cost*), and meals and materials at the GBCS. Participants should bring money for metro transportation, meals not eaten at the GBCS, a tip for the bus driver, and any other personal expenses.

REGISTER EARLY, LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!!

*****Reservations and full payment are due by December 15, 2018.**

Mail in reservation slip below with full payment or \$200 down payment.

Full participation in all seminar activities is required. CEU's will be available.

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ROOMMATE REQUEST: _____ **CEU'S REQUESTED?:** _____

Location where Boarding Bus: Williamsport Harrisburg