



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 16-19, 2020**

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 **immigration and refugees**. 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, (3350 N. Progress Ave., Harrisburg)** around **5pm** on **Sunday, February 16th**. We will return to Paxton UMC around **5pm** on **Wednesday, February 19th**, 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 immigration and refugees. There will also be free time to explore DC. More details upon registration.

TOPIC: **Immigration and Refugees**

The conversation around immigration and refugees is intense. Crisis. Caravans. Invasion. The President declared the border an emergency situation. The news from the border is horrifying. Children in cages. Young children separated from their parents. How should Christians understand and respond to issues related to immigration and folks seeing refuge?

Join us this February as we study immigration and refugees and how we can respond as a people of faith. Past seminars have had speakers from the National Coalition for the Homelessness, General Commission on Race and Religion, 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 31, 2019.**

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.

**Please contact Rev. Andrew Burd-Harris with questions: 304-554-9131 or aburd-harris@susumc.org

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

Location where Boarding Bus: Williamsport Harrisburg