

International Affairs Seminar March 20-27, 2010

Welcome to the International Affairs Seminar 2010 (week 03/20-27/2010 option) sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Great River, Oklahoma, and Southwest Regions. Join director Ronny Nowell and Co-Director Michelle Wallace along with other high school juniors and seniors from Disciples of Christ congregations visiting two amazing cities — Washington DC and New York City, during Spring Break. This trip is for those with March 22-26th as your spring break. If your Spring Break is the 15-19th please contact Gary Mitchell at gmitchell@okdisciples.org for more information about IAS that week.

In addition to seeing sights and making friends, you will have one of the most educational experiences of your life! You will hear views expressed by people on both sides of complex issues. You will be challenged to think critically about political issues in the context of religion. Our hope is not that you come around to another way of thinking; instead, we hope that these diverse patterns of thinking will help you grow, ultimately finding your place in this world.

Each participant is required to complete assignments relative to the trip's theme of Economic Justice.

Who Can go?

We invite all Disciples high school juniors and seniors, at least 16 years of age, from congregations in the Great River, Oklahoma, and Southwest Regions to apply to join in the IAS 2010 experience.

What Will We Do?

In New York City we will visit the United Nations, attend challenging seminars, and see a Broadway musical. In Washington DC we will visit National City Christian Church, tour museums, take a tour of national monuments, and meet with legislative delegations. Each evening we will process the day's events and worship together.

How Will We Get There

We will meet Saturday, March 20, 2010 to fly as a group to Washington DC. From Washington DC we will travel by passenger train to New York City. We will return by air from New York City on Saturday, March 27, 2010. **Transportation to and from the airport is not included.**

How Much Does It Cost

The Seminar cost is \$1500 which includes airfare, Amtrak from DC to NYC, insurance, lodging, materials, speakers, and the Broadway musical. Participants will need a minimum of \$500 for meals and other items not included in the registration fee (shopping, sightseeing, subway fares, etc.) Many participants have their trip costs covered through fundraising activities in their local church and local civics groups. For more information and ideas about fundraising for this experience call Rev. Ronny Nowell at 479.636.2230. A \$500 non-refundable deposit is required by December 15, 2009. The balance of \$1000 and your assignments, recommendations and other forms are due by January 31, 2010 in order to complete your application and be accepted as a participant on this trip.

For More Information

Contact: Rev. Ronny Nowell at 479.636.2230 or by Email at ronny@fccrogers.org

Application- International Affairs Seminar 2010

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Mail to:
International Affairs Seminar 2010,
c/o First Christian Church,
903 South 13th Street Rogers, AR 72758
Attn: Ronny Nowell

Please enclose the \$500 deposit
made payable to:
First Christian Church
(with IAS '10 in the memo line)
to hold your spot while you complete the
application process and assignments.

Please Print In Ink:

Applicant's Name _____

Male _____ Female _____ Age _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ TXT? Y or N

Email _____

Facebook name _____

Other Social Network Accounts _____

Year in School : 11th or 12th School Name _____

Birthday _____ Social Security Number _____

Home Congregation _____ City _____

Youth Pastor/Leader's Name _____

Applicant's Parent/Guardian's Names _____

Where did you hear about IAS?

What are you most excited to see or do in:

New York City

Washington, D.C.

This is an application NOT a registration! Your application will only be accepted upon the completion of some writing assignments, recommendations from teachers, ministers and parents and the remainder of the \$1500 fee is paid in full. Also all forms and releases must be filled out, signed and returned by the January 31st deadline. All this information will be sent to you as soon as we receive your application and \$500 deposit (which is non-refundable once airline tickets are purchased in early January 2010).