

NEW DATES REGISTRATION RE-OPENED

Witnessing for Freedom

Education and Advocacy as the Ongoing Work of Social Justice



The journey towards Civil Rights continues and requires systemic change. This travel seminar to Washington, DC emphasizes contemporary efforts to promote Civil Rights and Social Justice. It will leave from Charlotte, stop in Greensboro to explore the International Civil Rights Center and Museum and spend an evening at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, to examine the biblical and theological intersections of race and justice. We will spend the remainder of the trip in Washington D.C. We will explore the National Museum of African American History and Culture. We will spend several days with church professionals in the historic United Methodist Building, which houses the social justice offices for the UMC, PCUSA, ECA, ELCA and the National Council of Churches. We will learn about current church-based initiatives for Civil Rights and Justice at the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness, learn how to advocate for justice issues at the U. S. Congress and then put those new-found skills to work as participants visit the offices of their congressional leaders. Recognizing that the work of social justice requires partnerships across denominations and nonprofits, we will meet with Sojourners, the Children's Defense Fund, Bread for the World and the Washington Interfaith Network.

Dates

Thursday, **May 5, 2022** leaves Charlotte Campus no later than 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, **May 11, 2022** returns to Charlotte Campus no later than 6:00 p.m.

We invite **students, staff, alumni/ae, community members** and **spouses** to join in this **Travel Seminar and Learning Community.**

Registration Fees (Includes chartered motorcoach bus, all hotels, tickets, entry fees, program costs and at least two meals a day.)

Students	\$250.00 (double room)
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Alumni/ae, Staff and Spouses	\$1000.00 per person, single room
Individual Community Members	\$2000.00 per person, single room
Community Couples	\$3000.00 per couple

Transportation

We are chartering a 56 passenger Executive Motorcoach with Champion Coach. It is professionally driven, includes spacious and comfortable seating, Wi-Fi, power outlets, entertainment center, lavatories, safety and enhanced cleaning protocols.

Lodging

Each night's stay is in a Hilton property. Single rooms are included for everyone except students who choose to share a room.

Meals

Registration fees include at least two meals a day. Participants will be responsible for additional meals during the trip.

Additional Expenses

In addition, participants are responsible for incidentals, tips for housekeeping, books and resources. An opportunity to voluntarily contribute to the bus driver's tip will be offered.

Free Evenings

Most programming will occur during the day and free evenings are built into the week.

Programming

Drs. Richard Boyce and Rodney Sadler will provide educational occasions, processing experiences and experiential engagement. Students will make presentations on relevant topics to enhance our collective understanding. Reading, documentary, music and movie suggestions will be provided for all participants.

- Examine critical issues impacting our nation and world
- Participate in workshops with the Office of Public Witness
- Learn how to affect systemic change for the common good.
- Meet with your Congregational leaders
- Explore the National Museum of African American History and Culture
- Encounter the national monuments through liturgy, story and witness.

Academic Credit

Students seeking academic credit will be responsible for tuition, the registration fee as outlined above, including a \$100 deposit due no later than March 1, 2022, completing all required readings and assignments. Credit for this course will be given in Spring 2 or May 2022 Terms. A detailed syllabus with reading and assignments will be provided by the Professors. There will be no class meetings after the conclusion of the trip. Students are required to select this course either during Spring 2 or May Term 2022 registration.

Registration Process

All participants are asked to

- Email Rebecca Davis (rdavis@upsem.edu) or Erin Mills (emills@upsem.edu) to be placed on the contact list
- Complete the attached Letter of Intent no later than February 1, 2022
- Submit deposit no later than March 1, 2022 to reserve your place. Non refundable after 4/1/22
- Complete Participant Information form no later than April 1, 2022

Deposits fee schedule - per person

Students	\$100.00
Alumni, spouses, and staff	\$300.00
Community Members	\$500.00

Final Payment - may be made in a single payment or installments. The remainder of the total registration fee is due no later than April 18, 2022.

Union Presbyterian Seminary requires vaccination for COVID-19 for faculty, staff, and students, as well as for entrance into its buildings until such a time as the CDC recommends otherwise. It follows CDC guidelines for wearing masks. All participants are expected to follow UPSem policy on such matters on this trip.

Schedule

Thursday, May 5th

- Leave from Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte Campus @ 8:00 a.m.
- Greensboro, NC - International Civil Rights Center and Museum
- Richmond, VA - Union Presbyterian Seminary and Race

Friday, May 6th - Washington, DC remainder of the week (program order subject to change)

- National Museum of African American History and Culture

Saturday, May 7th

- National Monuments through story, liturgy and witness.
- National Cathedral

Sunday, May 8th

- Worship @ Metropolitan AME
- Office of Public Witness - PCUSA - Advocacy & Issues Training

Monday, May 9th

- Advocacy & Issues Training continues, plus
- United Methodist Building
- General Board of Church and Society - UMC
- Lutheran Services in America - ELCA
- National Council of Churches - ecumenical

Tuesday, May 10th

- Meet with Congregational leaders on Capitol Hill
- Capitol Buildings
- Russell, Dirksen, Rayburn, Longworth, Cannon
- Debrief experience
- Meet with nonprofit partners
- Witness Circle

Wednesday, May 11th

- Return to Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte Campus by 6:00 p.m.
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