

Susquehanna Conference Seminar Trip to:

The General Board of Church and Society

100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington DC

March 16-19, 2025

Join colleagues and friends for a fun, educational trip to Washington DC and the United Methodist Building. This seminar will focus **on gun violence prevention in the United States.**

Gun violence continues to be a problem in the United States. The CDC reported in 2020 that deaths related to firearms, overtook deaths related to motor vehicle crashes, to become the leading cause of deaths for children 1-19 years of age. Amnesty International reports that in 2022, there were 45,222 gun deaths in the United States. Higher, per capita, than any other industrialized country in the world. While mass shootings and assassination attempts capture the media’s attention, gun violence deaths happen on a smaller scale every day. According to the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania in 2021 there were 2,326 hospitalizations due to firearms injury.



2024 Seminar Group in front of Senator Fetterman’s office

The challenge of gun violence prevention might seem daunting. At last year’s seminar, we learned that there are actions we can take to advocate for a better future. Join us as we continue to engage with the topic of gun violence prevention and continue our advocacy on gun violence prevention on Capitol Hill. Past and new participants are welcome!

Cost is \$400. This includes motorcoach transportation, lodging and breakfast at the Capitol Hill Hotel in Washington D.C. (single rooms are \$550-depending on availability), and meals/materials at GBCS. Participants should bring money for dinners and snacks, a tip for the bus driver, and other personal expenses.

The bus will depart from 2 locations in the Susquehanna Conference. We will promptly depart from Faith United Methodist Church in Montoursville (700 Fairview Dr, Montoursville, PA 17754) at 3 PM and Paxton UMC (3550 N. Progress Ave., Harrisburg) around 5 PM on Sunday, March 16. We will return to Paxton UMC around 5 PM on Wednesday, March 19, with the bus continuing to Montoursville.

This seminar is sponsored by the Susquehanna Conference Peace with Justice coordinator and the Conference Board of Global Ministries.

Reservations and full payments are due by **January 17, 2025**

Please contact the Rev. Andrew Burd-Harris at 717-944-6181 or aburd-harris@susumc.org with questions. Registration forms and payments can be mailed to: Pastor Andrew Burd-Harris, Evangelical UMC, 157 E Water St, Middletown PA 17057. Checks should be made payable to Susquehanna Conference UMC.

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Room Mate Request _____ Continuing Education Unit’s Requested? _____

Location where Boarding Bus (Circle One) Montoursville Harrisburg