



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
March 5-8, 2023

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 **beloved community with a focus on racism, anti-semitism, and extremism**. 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, March 5th**. We will return to Paxton UMC around **5pm** on **Wednesday, March 8th**, 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: **Racism, Anti-Semitism, and Extremism**

The conversation around racism of all kinds and political extremism are a driving force for much of the divisions we see in our world. The past six years has seen our culture shifting towards more anger and radical speech. Many elected officials are even beginning to seriously push that the United States should be promoting extreme religious rhetoric. The political climate that we are witnessing is horrifying. How should Christians understand and respond to issues related to racism and political extremism?

Join us this March as we study these serious issues 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, 2022.**

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. John Bondhus with questions: 410-292-8478 or jbondhus@susumc.org**

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

Location where Boarding Bus: Williamsport Harrisburg