**CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO**

**The United Nations International Affairs Seminar for Youth**

**United Nations Seminar**
February 22 – March 2, 2019

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**It's Worth The Effort**

**Requirements:**

1. 400-500 word paper on “The Most Important Purpose of the United Nations” and $400 deposit. (made by December 12, 2018).

2. Provide 2 references (form sent after First Paper is turned in.).

3. Read selected articles on Immigrants and Immigration Issues (resources will be e-mailed to you, or mailed if e-mail is not available, after first paper and deposit are received.).

4. Write a 2000 word (5 pages) position paper based on reading topics.

5. Final Payment of $610 (Financial help maybe available) for total of $1,010 by January 12, 2019. (plus $200 for personal items during the trip.)

6. Willingness to live by the “Covenant” during the Seminar.

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**How To Get Started**

1. Complete Application form. (Available online: ccinoh.org)

2. Write a 400-500 word paper (2 pages double spaced) stating what you believe to be the most important purpose of the United Nations. Read the United Nations Charter. State the four purposes of the United Nations from Article 1 of the UN Charter. Give your reasons and examples for the most important purpose. Use the UN website, www.un.org for this research or use your local library.

3. Mail the application, your first paper, a recent photo, and the $400 deposit to UN Seminar, Christian Church in Ohio, 10335 Maple Dell Rd, Marysville, OH 43040, by December 12, 2018.

4. You may also apply by Online: a) go to Regional Website (ccinoh.org) search UN Seminar. Select and fill out documents from the Regional Website, b) attach a digital or scanned signature, c) Email to Rev. Ralph Wearstler, at RevRalphW@sbcglobal.net, d) Mail in your payment or make a Credit Card payment using the Christian Church in Ohio website on the UN page.

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**Theme:** Issues of Faith and Justice with “Immigration, Immigrants and Refugees”
Purpose: The United Nations International Affairs Seminar for Youth challenges youth to learn about international affairs and U.S. foreign policy through study, discussion and presentations in the United Nations Center in New York City and Washington, D.C. It seeks to encourage faith-based critical thinking and reflection through prayer, worship, discussion and community building.

Known by it’s shorter name (UN Seminar). The United Nations Seminar has been a vital part of the Ohio Christian Youth Fellowship since the early 1960’s. From then to now well over a thousand young people from Disciples congregations around Ohio have had the opportunity to travel to New York City and Washington D.C. for a week. For many, this has been a life changing experience, witnessing the diverse ways that faith plays a part in the decision making of our nation and the world.

When: Friday, February 22, 2019, 7:00p.m. through Saturday, March 2, 2019, 4:00p.m.

Participants: The trip is limited to 46 high school sophomores, juniors and seniors and 9 adult advisors.

Departure/Return: New Horizons Christian Church, Akron, OH

Cost: $1,010 covers Bus, Lodging, most meals, tour fees, 2 Theater Plays, and more. (About $125 per day). Plus an additional $200 for personal use is needed for some public transportation, food, souvenirs, etc.

Schedule: We arrive Friday night at New Horizons Christian Church in Akron, OH for orientation and stay in host homes. Saturday we travel by charter bus for New York City, stay at the NYC International Hostel for 4 nights, spending evening playing UN Seminar Jeopardy. We worship Sunday at the famous Riverside Church. Monday begins at the Today Show, then tour the United Nations and World Trade Center memorial. That evening we will visit the Empire State Building after touring interesting sites of the city. Tuesday we will hear speakers on relevant topics. An afternoon of site seeing, and then we will see a Broadway Play. Wednesday we travel to Washington DC, staying at the DC International Hostel 3 nights. We will Worship at National City Christian Church, and listen to topical speakers. Thursday we tour the Capitol Building and sit in on House and Senate sessions. You will arrange a visit with your Congressional Representative that afternoon. Friday morning we will share in a Mission Project at the Capital Area Food Bank. Friday afternoon travel groups will explore local sites. We leave Saturday at 8:00a.m. returning to Akron, Ohio, lunch on the way, then have a final closing circle and farewells around 4p.m. These are just some of the events and activities packed into this very exciting week.

Financial Assistant: Don’t let money be a barrier that stops you from going on this adventure. Contact Rev. Ralph Wearstler or the Ohio Regional Office about ways we can help make it happen for you.

School Issues: You will miss 5 days of school to attend the Seminar. All schools will offer excused absences for this quality study event. Some schools will go so far as to not expect work to be made up because of the nature of this trip. If needed, we will be happy to write a letter to your Principle, Coach, or Teacher, as well as the place where you work.

Getting into playing “Dangerous Parallel” (An International Simulation Game)