

It's Worth The Effort

Requirements:

1. 400-500 word essay on "The Purpose of International Affairs in your life" and \$300 deposit made by **December 18, 2023**.
2. Provide 2 references (form sent after essay & deposit are turned in.).
3. Resources and articles on Immigrants and Immigration Issues will be setup on a **Basecamp** account that you will be invited to join, after essay and deposit are received.
4. Write a 2,000 word (5 pages) Focus paper or prepare a 8 min. audio/visual presentation on a selected reading topic.
5. Final Payment of \$900 (Financial help maybe available) for total of \$1200 by **February 2, 2024. (plus bring \$200 for personal items during the trip.)**
6. Willingness to live by the "Covenant" during the Seminar.



How To Get Started

1. Complete Application form. (Available online: ccinoh.org)
2. Write a 400-500 word essay stating what you believe is the purpose of International Affairs in your life, and how you and faith play a part in it. Give your reasons and examples for this. Use resources from www.facebook.com/RefugeeAndImmigrationMinistriesChristianChurchDoc and www.ucc.org/justice_immigration/
3. Application, essay, and a recent headshot are sent to Rev. Ralph Wearstler, 7012 Jackson St, Mentor, OH 44060. The \$300 deposit can be mailed to IA Seminar, Christian Church in Ohio, 10335 Maple Dell Rd, Marysville, OH 43040, by **December 18, 2023**.
4. You can also apply by Online: a) go to the Regional Website (ccinoh.org) search IA 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 your payment or make a Credit Card payment using the Christian Church in Ohio website on the IA Seminar page.



QUESTIONS ABOUT SEMINAR:

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Christian Church in Ohio and Heartland Conference UCC



The International Affairs Seminar for Youth



International Affairs Seminar March 8-16, 2024

Theme:
Issues of Faith and Justice
with "Immigration,
Immigrants and Refugees"

An Adventure Worth Making

Purpose: The International Affairs Seminar for Youth (IAS) challenges youth to learn about international affairs, U.S. foreign and domestic policies, and the role and action the Church has in these matters. This is done through study, discussion and presentations during our time 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.



2019 Seminar Group at Capital Area Food Bank Mission

The United Nations International Affairs Seminar has been a vital part of the Ohio Christian Youth Fellowship since the early 1960's. However, over the past decade we have shifted our focus to reflect more with **International Affairs**, and so we are changing the name of the Seminar to emphasize this.

It's the same outstanding program with the more accurate name of **International Affairs Seminar**. 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.

We are excited to be partnering this impactful experience with the **Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ**.

What's It All About

When: Friday, **March 8, 2024**, 7:00p.m. through Saturday, **March 16, 2024**, 4:00p.m.

Participants: The trip is limited to 46 high school sophomores, juniors and seniors and 8 adult advisors.

Departure/Return: 1st Christian Church, 116 E. Boyer St., Wadsworth, OH 44281

Cost: **\$1,200** covers Bus, Lodging, most meals, tour fees, 2 Theater Plays, and more. (About \$150 per day). Plus an additional **\$200** for personal use is needed for some public transportation, food, souvenirs, etc.

Schedule: We arrive Friday night at 1st Christian Church in Wadsworth, OH for orientation and stay in host homes. Saturday we travel by charter bus to New York City, staying at the NYC International Hostel for 4 nights, spending the evening playing IA Seminar Jeopardy. We worship Sunday morning at Park Ave. Christian Church. Monday begins at the Today Show, then tour the United Nations, World Trade Center memorial, other interesting sites. In the evening we explore special nighttime sites. Tuesday we will share in a mission project, an afternoon of site seeing, and then see a Broadway Play. Wednesday we travel to Washington DC, staying at a DC Hostel 3 nights. We will tour the National Cathedral, gathered 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 setup a visit with your Congressional Representative that afternoon. We will also be touring the DC sites. Friday morning we will share in a Mission Project to help those in need in D.C. area. Friday afternoon travel groups will explore local sites, and a Friday evening program & worship. We leave Saturday at 8:00a.m. returning to Wadsworth, 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 a very exciting week.

We Can Make It Happen

Financial Assistant: Don't let money be a barrier that stops you from going on this adventure. Contact Rev. Ralph Wearstler about **Scholarships** and other ways to help make this happen for you.



School Issues: You will miss 5 days of school to attend the Seminar. We know that schools will offer excused absences for this quality study event. Some schools will go so far as to not expect some 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.



National City Christian Church in Washington D.C. Center for Immigration Ministry