



**2019 United Nations International Affairs Seminar For Youth  
Christian Church In Ohio (Disciples of Christ)  
Information Sheet For (Ohio Conference UCC) Participants**



**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 in Washington, D.C. It seeks to encourage faith-based critical thinking and reflection through prayer, worship, discussion and community building.

**Time:** Friday, February 22, 2019, 7:00p.m. thru Saturday, March 2, 2019, 4:00p.m.

**Departure/Return Location:** New Horizons Christian Church, Akron, OH 44110.

**Cost:** \$1,010 plus \$200 personal money needed for public transportation, food, souvenirs, etc. (plus your own travel costs to and from Akron, OH) Make Checks Payable to Christian Church In Ohio. First payment \$400 with registration by **December 12, 2018**, short payment plan is available for total cost. (Contact the Christian Church in Ohio Office, 614-433-0343)

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

**Schedule:** We arrive Friday night at New Horizons Christian Church in Akron, OH for orientation and stay in host homes, travel by charter bus Saturday for New York City, stay at the NYC International Hostel for four nights, spending Saturday night visiting Union Theological Seminary. 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 Time Square and others sites. Tuesday we will be hearing speakers on relevant topics. An afternoon of site seeing, and then we will see a play on Broadway. Wednesday we travel to Washington DC, and stay at the DC International Hostel for three nights. Share in Wednesday Evening Worship at National City Christian Church, and hear from speakers on our theme topics. 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 local Mission Project. Friday afternoon travel groups will explore city sites. We leave Saturday at 8:00a.m., returning to Akron, Ohio, lunch on the way, and then we 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, for around \$125 per day.

**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. Please show your principal the material and discuss what you need to have your absence excused. Rev. Ralph Wearstler, Rev. Joyce Oyler and/or your Pastor will write a letter if needed to your Principle or Teacher, as well as the place where you work. This also applies to extracurricular activities: Sports, Band, Choirs, and Theater. Please provide name and address of person to which a letter should be written.

**Job Issues:** For those holding an afterschool or weekend job, most employers see the value in programs like this. Please give them plenty of notice of your absence. We can also provide a letter to your employer or supervisor if needed.

**Requirements:**

1. 400-500 word paper on “**The Most Important Purpose of the United Nations**”.
2. 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.)
3. Write a 2000 word position paper (5 pages) based on reading topics.
4. Provide 2 references: Pastor & Teacher (sent to you after First Payment)
5. Payment of \$1,010 [that’s only \$125 per day] (read section on Financial Help)
6. Willingness to live by the “Covenant” during the Seminar

**Step #1**

1. Complete the attached or enclosed application form.
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](http://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. Give the reference forms to your pastor and a teacher with an addressed/stamped envelope (UN Seminar, Christian Church in Ohio, 10335 Maple Dell Rd, Marysville, OH 43040). They should be returned to the Christian Church in Ohio as soon as possible, but **no later than December 12, 2018**.
5. You may also apply by **Email**: 1) fill out Word documents , 2) attach a digital or scanned signature, 3) Email to Rev. Ralph Wearstler, [RevRalphW@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RevRalphW@sbcglobal.net), 4) Mail in your payment or make a Credit Card payment on the Regional website / UN Seminar page.
6. Email or call the Regional Office with any initial questions you have.

**Step #2**

As soon as your application, deposit and first paper are received, you will receive a series of Emails with attached reading materials, information, and detailed instructions about the 2000 word Focus paper, as well as a medical form for a parent to sign and complete. You will read the assigned articles, make a decision about your Focus topic, do research based on the topic and the instruction sheet, and complete the paper. Only when your Focus paper (which can be Emailed) and final payment of \$610 are received will your place be assured on the UN Seminar.

The Seminar is limited to 46 **sophomores, juniors, & seniors** and 8 adults. Should we receive more than 46 FINAL PAPERS, the procedure for selection will be as follows:

- a) Acceptance will be granted to those youths whose papers arrive **FIRST** and who demonstrate adequate research, content and neatness.
- b) Youth who are not in the first 46 group will be placed on a waiting list and contacted as openings develop. (Last minute replacements have happened.)

**All waiting list deposits will be returned after February 22, 2019.**  
TO ASSURE YOUR PLACE, COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION AND PAPERS  
AND RETURN THEM EARLY. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE.

### **Step #3**

When everything is received you will be added to the list and your Email address will be included on a Facebook and/or Email list where you will be able to ask questions, be in touch with other participants, and learn important information before the trip. About 2 weeks before the Seminar you will receive a Get-Ready-Book with detailed schedule, contact information, map to the departure location, etc.

Before the Seminar you will need to contact your Congressional Representative to arrange for an appointment in her/his office while in Washington, D.C. You will attempt to coordinate this appointment with other youth and adults from your same Congressional District. This is a significant part of the Seminar. We will attempt to meet one or both Ohio Senators as a group. This needs to be done by **January 12, 2019**.

### **Financial Help:**

Most churches are willing to assist you in paying for the cost of the UN Seminar because of the quality of the event and its life-changing nature. Ask your Pastor if your church has scholarship funds for you. Ask your church's Women's Group or Men's Group if they have funds to assist you. Ask your Youth sponsor for youth group funds. You can also see about organizing your own UN Seminar Fundraiser(s). You can also contact Outdoor Ministry Coordinator, **Rev. Joyce Oyler, joyceo@ocucc.org**, about ways to help make this happen.

**Please Do Not Let A Lack of Funds Prevent You From Attending!**

### **Total Tour Cost:**

The \$1,010 includes: (About \$125 per day.)

Orientation costs and snacks on Friday night

Lodging Saturday through Friday nights

Travel by charter bus

Metro Transportation Cards for New York City

Partial cost coverage for adult leadership

Seven group meals (Lunch or Dinner) and Eight breakfasts

All program expenses (UN tour, speakers, meeting rooms, etc)

Empire State Building admission

Tickets to a New York City Broadway Play and a theater event in Washington D.C.

An Official UN Seminar Scarf

Travel insurance for the entire event

Administrative costs

**Additional funds of \$200** will be needed for some public transportation, meals not provided, snacks, souvenirs, museums or other tours, etc.

### **How We Live and Travel:**

Most travel in the cities is by travel groups of 5 or 6 youth and one adult. No one goes anywhere alone. Youth share rooms at International Hostels with 6 or 8 youth per room. Adults stay together in adjacent rooms. Youth will stay in homes of church members on Friday night before Saturday's departure to New York City.

### **Deadlines:**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Application Form 400-500 word paper on UN \$400 registration fee	<b>December 12, 2018</b>
Recommendation Letters	<b>January 12, 2019</b>
2000 word research paper \$610 second payment in full	<b>January 12, 2019</b>
Cancellation / Deposit Refund (Minus \$25.00 Processing fee) if student is replaced (if not, see application notice)	<b>January 22, 2019</b>
Medical forms signed & Returned	<b>January 25, 2019</b>

RETURN BY  
January 12, 2019

**RECOMMENDATION  
FOR**

FOR APPLICANT TO HAND  
TO HER/HIS PASTOR



2019 UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR FOR YOUTH  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO / OHIO CONFERENCE UCC  
1347 Worthington Woods Blvd, Suite A  
Columbus, Ohio 43085 - 6701  
614-433-0343



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We need to understand this applicant's personality. Please be completely frank in justice to both the applicant and the Seminar. Your reply is confidential. If you have serious reservations about this student, do not hesitate to call collect to Rev. Ralph Wearstler at 440-289-8219 or email:

[RevRalphW@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RevRalphW@sbcglobal.net) .

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ Under what circumstances?
  
2. What home conditions and family background bear upon the applicant's suitability for this Seminar?
  
3. How is the applicant now expressing their faith?
  
4. If approved for this Seminar, in what way will you ask him/her to communicate her/his faith after returning from the trip?
  - a. From the pulpit?
  
  - b. Other church settings? Which ones?
  
  - c. Other ways?

(over)

5. Check the nearest description of the applicant:

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

- frequently incapacitated
- somewhat below par
- fairly healthy
- good health
- rugged and vigorous

**INTELLIGENCE**

- learns and thinks slowly
- average mental ability
- alert; has a good mind
- brilliant; exceptional

**LEADERSHIP**

- makes no effort to lead
- tries but lacks ability
- has some leadership promise
- good leadership ability

**RESPONSIVENESS**

- slow to sense how others feel
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**WILLINGNESS TO SERVE**

- reluctant to serve
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**ACHIEVEMENT**

- does only what is assigned
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- meets average expectations
- resourceful and effective
- superior creative ability

**TEAMWORK**

- frequently causes friction
- prefers to work alone
- usually cooperative
- works well with others
- most effective in teamwork

**EMOTIONAL STABILITY**

- somewhat over-emotional
- inclined to be apathetic
- usually well-balanced
- maintains balance and control under most difficult circumstances

6. How do you rate the applicant for an International Affairs Study Seminar:

Superior       Good       Average       Below Average

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**[ccio@ccinoh.org](mailto:ccio@ccinoh.org) (Attn: UN Seminar 2019)**

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