

Plumbline 2018 Registration Form

Deadlines:

Registration materials will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

All materials must be submitted by **May 15th** for consideration.

Upon confirmation of participation, students and families will be added to a closed Facebook Group for updates, articles, packing information, and additional details.

Mail to: NIC Conference Office, Attn: Plumbline/ Debbie Rogers
77 W. Washington St. Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60602

More Info and Online Registration at: www.umcnic.org/calendar/plumbline-tour

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Grade _____

Church _____ District _____ Pastor _____

Please respond to the following questions (Y/N):

- Will you be willing to share your experience with churches when you return? _____
- Will you be willing to sign a liability release, releasing the Northern Illinois Conference and its agents from liability while on this trip? _____
- Will you abide by the designated standards set forth by the leadership team? _____
- Are you in need of partial scholarship? _____ if yes, please include additional letter explaining the amount requested, the amount contributed by local church, and amount contributed by the student.

Essay Questions Please answer on a separate piece of paper - 1 paragraph each.

1. What motivates you to attend this youth seminar?
2. In what ways do you provide leadership in your school, church, or community?
3. Have you witnessed bias and prejudice against a person or group? How did that make you feel?
4. What do you know about Islam and/or Muslim people?

References: Please send letters of recommendation from a member of your local church and your pastor along with this form. Online applications should have references email their letters.

PLUMBLINE 2018

A YOUTH SEMINAR CONNECTING
CHRISTIAN FAITH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Plumbline is sponsored and organized by the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church.

July 29 - Aug. 1, 2018
Students 14-17 yrs old
New York City
Cost: \$699*

**“I will make justice
the measuring line
and righteousness
the plumb line.”**

Isaiah 28:17a





Seminar Content: Confronting Islamophobia

Plumblin participants will connect with leaders in the Church Center of the United Nations to consider and address:

- Biblical narratives dealing with “strangers”
- Cycles of violence and how they are interrupted;
- The dangers of stereotypes and profiling people groups;
- How Christians and Muslims have and can continue to work together to bring about peace with justice;
- How do globally-minded young people use their faith to drive their love of God AND neighbors?

Together we will:

- ❖ Attend workshops
- ❖ Worship together
- ❖ Reflect on our experiences
- ❖ Tour the United Nations
- ❖ Go to a Broadway Play
- ❖ Explore New York City
- ❖ Have fun & eat amazing food!!



LOGISTICS:

Where Will We Stay?

Hampton Inn Manhattan Grand Central
231 E 43rd St, New York, NY
Students will be sharing rooms with other students.

Who Can Attend?

This seminar is designed for high school students, entering 9th -12th grades. Participation is limited to 14 to 17 year olds. Leaders are background checked, seminar leaders nominated by the Northern IL Conference. *There is not enough space for additional adult participants.*

When is the trip?

Specific travel arrangements are forthcoming. We will depart on Sunday, July 29 and return on Wednesday, August 1. Students should be dropped off and picked up from O’Hare Airport.

How Much does it Cost?

\$699*

The seminar fee of \$699 includes roundtrip airfare and in-city transportation, hotel accommodations, all meals, outings in NYC, tours of UN, seminar speakers, and presenters.

*** Partial Scholarships are available upon request.**

We encourage local churches to help sponsor students and help fundraise.

Some Fundraising ideas:

- Hold a dinner, explaining the purpose of the seminar and why the student wants to attend.
- Sell stock certificates, allowing family and friends to “invest” in the student’s experience.
- Collect a special offering in worship, pray over and commission the student before the trip’s departure.



Expectations:

All participants are expected to:

1. Abide by the group’s Covenant of Conduct, respecting themselves, participants, leaders, and property.
 2. Participate fully in ALL aspects of the program.
 3. Try new foods.
 4. Bring comfortable walking shoes.
- There will be LOTS of walking.**

REGISTRATION DATES:

Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis until all slots are filled.

ALL APPLICATIONS & MATERIALS DUE BY May 15.

No exceptions will be made.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Fill out a registration form (see reverse) or online at: www.umcnic.org/calendar/plumblin-tour.
2. Complete Essay Questions.
3. Send in \$50 refundable registration fee.
4. Send in 2 letters of Recommendation: from a church member and Pastor.
5. If you are in need of a partial scholarship, please include an additional letter with the amount requested, the amount provided by local church, and amount provided by the Student.

Questions??

Contact Plumblin Coordinator
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