

Plumbline 2020 Registration

Deadlines

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

All materials must be submitted by **May 15** 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.

Register online at www.umcnic.org/calendar/plumbline-2020

Essay Questions

Submit answers during online registration or via email to nicplumbline@umcnic.org.

1. **What motivates you to attend this youth seminar?**
2. **In what ways do you provide leadership in your school, church, or community?**
3. **How is working against racism connected to our faith?**
4. **What have you seen or experienced about racism?**

References

Two letters of recommendation must be submitted on the student's behalf: one from a member of the local church and one from the student's pastor.

References should send letters via email to nicplumbline@umcnic.org with the student's name in the subject line.

PLUMBLINE 2020

A YOUTH SEMINAR CONNECTING CHRISTIAN FAITH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Plumbline is sponsored and organized by the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church and in 2020 will be working in partnership with the Northern Illinois Conference Anti-Racism Task Force.

JULY 22 - 25

Students 14-17 yrs old

Washington, DC

Cost: \$499

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

Isaiah 28:17a





SEMINAR CONTENT: WORKING AGAINST RACISM

Plumblin participants will connect with leaders at the United Methodist General Board of Church & Society to consider and address:

- Biblical narratives dealing with racism
- Possible responses to racial issues
- The intricacies of historical and systemic racism
- The intersection of faith, politics, and racism
- Differences between bias, racism, and privilege

Together we will:

- ❖ Attend workshops
- ❖ Worship
- ❖ Reflect on our experiences
- ❖ Meet our Congressional Leaders
- ❖ Go on a Nighttime Monument Tour
- ❖ Visit National Treasures
- ❖ Have fun and eat amazing food!

We recognize, embrace, and affirm all persons, regardless of country of origin, as members of the family of God.

Social Principles ¶ 162.H

LOGISTICS

Where will we stay?

Capitol Hill Hotel
200 C Street SE, Washington, DC
Students will share 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 and nominated by the NIC. *There is not enough space for additional adult participants.*

When is the trip?

We will depart on Wednesday, July 22 and return on Saturday, July 25. Students will need to be dropped off and picked up from the airport. Specific travel arrangements will be forthcoming after registration materials are received.

How Much does it Cost?

\$499 includes round trip airfare and in-city transportation, hotel accommodations, all meals, outings, tours, seminar speakers, and presenters.

We encourage local churches to help sponsor students. 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:

- Abide by the group’s Covenant of Conduct, respecting themselves, participants, leaders, and property.
- Participate fully in ALL aspects of the program.
- Try new foods.
- Bring comfortable walking shoes - there will be LOTS of walking.
- Participate in pre-/post-tour activities.

REGISTRATION

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

ALL APPLICATIONS & MATERIALS DUE 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-2020.
2. Complete Essay Questions.
3. Send in \$50 registration fee.
4. Send in **two** letters of Recommendation from a church member and Pastor.

Questions??

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