

“FACE TO FACE WITH OTHER FAITHS”

2023 CYF SEMINAR

JULY 3-11, 2023



What is CYF Seminar?

CYF seminar is a mobile classroom experience for high school students and college freshmen. The group will travel to Washington DC and New York City. We will experience different cultures, new adventures, and learn more about our faith and the history of religious pluralism in our country.

What is our study theme?

Our theme is “Face to Face with Other Faiths.” Every day religion affects our lives. It forms the foundation for a wide range of moral codes. It is the driving force behind people’s conduct. It influences the actions of nations on the world stage sometimes resulting in conflict and civil unrest. We will come face to face with other faiths during our travels together. , Our hope is to return home with a better understanding of the religious foundations and struggles for freedom of faith in our nation; to achieve a better perspective of the beliefs of others; to develop a greater tolerance for people who worship God differently; and perhaps to better appreciate our own Christian faith more—in the ways we are different and the ways we are alike.

How much will it cost?

The trip is all inclusive, meaning airfare, train ticket, ground transportation in DC and NYC, lodging for eight nights, all meals, entry fees and event tickets, study materials and t-shirt are part of the package. With an additional night added and an upgrade in DC lodging the cost per participant is \$1,500. We encourage congregations to offer scholarships covering 50% of the cost. In addition, CCK scholarships are available, and we will work with you to find sponsors. We want anyone who wants to experience the trip to do so.

What will we be doing?

Though the itinerary is still in development, we will fly from Louisville to Washington DC. While in our nation's Capital we will share communion at the National Cathedral; visit the Archives for a look at the Constitution and Bill of Rights; tour all monuments and various houses of worship; visit the Holocaust Museum, the Smithsonian's American History Museum, Arlington Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard, and the Capitol Building where we hope to meet with a Kentucky Representative; and if time allows the White House and Ford's Theater. This year's trip will include a special treat—the 4th of July Celebration and fireworks on the Mall.

On our 5th day we leave DC on Amtrak for New York City, arriving in time to check into our rooms, catch a subway to Brooklyn, and walk across the famous bridge into the city. The Big Apple portion of our trip will feature tours of houses of faith and opportunities to experience the many ethnic traditions that abound in the city. As well, we will spend time at Ground Zero and the 911 Museum, view the Statue of Liberty from the Staten Island Ferry, celebrate communion in Central Park; and enjoy the wonderful international cuisine and the delight of eating a New York slice of pizza. We will worship with the Jewish congregation at Emanu El and at the historic Riverside Church, and hopefully see a Broadway play.

On our final day in NYC we fly back to Louisville, Kentucky.



How do I go on the trip?

You can be a part of the 2023 CYF Seminar “Face to Face with Other Faiths”.

Use the link on the Christian Church of Kentucky website to follow the link to online registration form or to receive a link to register you may also send an email to Rev Dr. Mike Gatton at mgatton0617@gmail.com.

In addition to registration forms you will need to send a **deposit of \$500 by May 1st to secure your spot. We are anticipating crowds in DC due to the holiday, the May 1 deadline must be met to insure airline reservations.** Please make checks payable to: The Christian Church In Kentucky and mail the deposit and forms to: The Christian Church In Kentucky, P. O. Box 910503, Lexington, KY 40591. Designate your check for “CYF Seminar.”

*Remaining payments of \$500 are due by June 1 and July 1.

Registrants will receive via reply email the required medical coverage and consent form and the Student Covenant Code of Conduct to be signed and returned. We will also be using the emails and phone numbers supplied to notify you of all team meetings and more detailed plans as they are available.

Please contact Rev Dr. Mike Gatton with questions or concerns by mgatton0617@gmail.com or by phone 502-548-6311, for travel specific question email Cheryl - TravelwithSmilesNBlessings@gmail.com. We are looking forward to traveling and learning with you.

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