

Our call to peacemaking, racial justice, and service to all means that we are to act in our communities but also address policymakers to enact laws that prioritize the most vulnerable. At CCS 2023, you will learn about the climate crisis in relation to food security. You will gain tools to address Congress, hear examples of local communities' ministry and Church of the Brethren churches around the world, and strengthen your biblical understanding of God's love in this work.



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1 Kings 17:7-16

Christian Citizenship Seminar 2023

April 22 – 27, 2023 — Washington D.C.



Sponsored by the Church of the Brethren's Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office, a part of Discipleship Ministries, and the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy.

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During a time of drought and famine, a widow with her son was asked for food by the prophet Elijah. Her

response, *"I am preparing to make a last meal, and then we will die"* alongside her willingness to trust God's provision, demonstrates both hope and despair (1 Kings 17:7-16). As Christians, we are called to a ministry of caring for our neighbors and all of God's creation; we are called to a ministry of living in hope amidst despair. The overlapping crises climate change and food insecurity are dire, but the possibilities for response are dynamic. In the past years, millions of people have entered or reentered extreme food insecurity due to disruptions caused by the effects of climate change. Significant changes are needed to slow and reverse climate change, as well as support communities most hurt by these disasters. Such changes must happen both at the policy level, as well as at community and personal levels.

Christian Citizenship Seminar (CCS) provides youth in high school and the first year of college (or age equivalent) the chance to explore the relationship between faith and a particular political issue, and then act from a faith perspective regarding that issue.

Who is Eligible to Attend?

All high school youth and their adult advisors are eligible to attend the seminar. Students in their freshman year of college are also eligible. Congregations are required to send one advisor for every four youth, and all congregations are strongly encouraged to send an advisor with their youth (even if only one or two youth attend).

What is the cost?

The \$500 registration fee includes:

- All event programming (visit www.brethren.org/ccs for more info.)
- Hotel lodging for five nights
- 2 dinner meals

Note: Each participant needs to bring additional money for most meals, sightseeing, personal expenses, and subway/taxi fares.

Where and When?

Please note that this year, all of CCS will take place in Washington D.C. We will begin on Saturday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. and will end by 12:00 (noon) on Thursday, April 27.

Registration

To register for **Christian Citizenship Seminar** go to

www.brethren.org/ccs

Registration opens January 9, 2023,
at 12 p.m. central time.

