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Not only did Jesus care for and welcome all, but as a child he and his family were forced to flee violence (Matthew 2:13-23). People fleeing violence, the impacts of climate change, and economic catastrophe continue to seek a safe place to live and support their families. But what does leaving your home country actually mean? What are the reasons that demand such a huge sacrifice?

A posture of welcome and care is a clear Christian mandate and the right to seek asylum is a human right. While community and religious groups continue to provide critical support for families in need, the government has a duty to make just and life-giving policies. While the challenges are significant, our response should be one of love. During CCS 2024 come to Washington to learn from policy experts, faith-based advocates, and community organizers and then advocate in Congress for a just and humane asylum system.

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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.



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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 2024, you will learn about asylum and immigration. You will gain tools to address Congress, hear examples of local communities' ministries 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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Who is Eligible to Attend?

All high school youth and their adult advisors, as well as students in their freshman year of college are invited. 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.)
• Lodging for five nights (Friends Place on Capitol Hill; <https://youtu.be/hAD4iHYpQhM>)
• 2 dinner meals
Note: Each participant needs to bring additional money for most meals, sightseeing, personal expenses, and public transportation fares.

Where and When?

CCS 2024 will take place in Washington D.C., beginning on Thursday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m. and ending by 12:00 (noon) on Tuesday, April 216.

Registration

Online registration opens December 1, 2023, at 12 p.m. central time (www.brethren.org/ccs). Register and pay in full by Dec. 31 to receive a free t-shirt! Non-refundable deposit of \$250 due within two weeks of registration in order to hold your spot.



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