

Christian Citizenship Seminar: April 11-16, 2024

(Draft as of March 2024)

And They Fled: Advocating for just immigration policy

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**Unless noted otherwise, sessions will be held at the [Washington City COB](#), 337 North Carolina Ave.*

Thursday, April 11

2:00 p.m. Registration begins in the lobby of the [Friends Place on Capitol Hill](#), 515 E Capitol St SE, Washington, DC 20003, Phone: (202) 543-5560

4:00 - 4:30 Mandatory advisors meeting

4:45 - 6:15 Dinner (paid for in your registration fee, we will walk there together)

6:30 - 7:30 **Welcome and Creating Community** (*Becky Ullom Naugle, Church of the Brethren Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministry*)

7:30 - 8:30 **Session 1** (*Led by Giovana Oaxaca, Program Director of Migration Policy, ELCA*)

8:30 - 9:00 Opening Worship and Small Groups

9:00 - 11:30 Free time in groups with advisors

12 midnight **Room check. All CCS participants in their rooms for the night.**

Friday, April 12

9 - 10:30 a.m. **Session 2**

10:30 - noon Lunch in groups with advisors (\$)

12:00 - 4:30 p.m. **Session 3: Visit the US Capitol as a guest of your state and the US Botanic Gardens.** (Plan with the office of your senator/representative to visit during this window of time. Visit the [United States Botanic Garden](#) (free) as you have opportunity.)

4:45 Advisor's meeting

5:00 - 7:00 Dinner at area restaurants (pd. for in registration fee)

8:00 - 8:30 **Session 4** (*Thea Holcomb, Church World Service*)

8:30 - 9:00 Spiritual Practice and Small Groups

9:00 - 11:30 Free time in groups with advisors.

12 midnight **All CCS participants in their rooms for the night. Room check.**

Saturday, April 13

Rise and Shine! Breakfast (*provided by Bethany Theological Seminary*)

9 - 11 a.m. **Session 5**

11 - 1 p.m. Lunch (*provided by Bethany Theological Seminary*)

1 - 3 p.m. **Session 6**

3 - 5 p.m. Free time (in groups with an advisor)

5:00 - 7:00 Dinner (in groups with an advisor. \$)

7:00 - 8:00 **Session 7**

8:00 - 9:00 Spiritual Practice and Small groups. Organizing for Sunday am and pm activity groups.

9:00 - 11:30 Free time in groups with advisors.

12 midnight **All CCS participants in their rooms for the night. Room check.**

Sunday, April 14

Rise and Shine! Breakfast (in groups with an advisor. \$) (\$ = you pay, bring money)

Morning Worship at a variety of churches; then lunch in groups (\$)

Afternoon Option A) Attend cultural event at the Kennedy Center, dinner in a group with advisors (\$)

Option B) Explore the city with advisors, dinner in a group with advisors (\$)

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Session 8 Legislative Visit Talking Points Review** (*led by Jerry O'Donnell, Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano at U.S. House of Representatives*)

7:30 - 8:15 Spiritual Practice and Small Groups

8:15 - 9:00 BVS Conversation (and ice cream!)

9:00-11:30
12 midnight

Free time in groups with advisors.
All CCS participants in their rooms for the night. Room check.

Monday, April 15

8:00 a.m.
9:30 – 10 a.m.

Breakfast (in groups with an advisor. \$) (\$ = you pay, bring money)
Centering Time – prayer and singing in preparation for legislative visits. *Come dressed (up) for your legislative visits.

10 -11:30
12 noon
1:00-4:00 pm
5:00-7:00
7:00-8:30
8:30-9:00
9:00 – 11:30
12 Midnight

Session 9: Legislative Visit Preparation Time & Group Photo – (OPP Staff)
Lunch (\$) as you make your way to “The Hill”
Congressional visits on Capitol Hill, as you’ve scheduled
Dinner (in groups with an advisor. \$)
Session 8: Reflecting on your legislative visits (OPP Staff)
Small Groups
Free time in groups with advisors. (Hotel conference room open for hanging out.)
All CCS participants in their rooms for the night. Room check.

Tuesday, April 16

Rise and Shine!
9:00-10:30 am
10:30-11:00
11:30 am

Breakfast (in groups with an advisor. \$)
Session 9: Taking CCS Home (OPP Staff)
Closing Worship
Check out of Friends Place – ***have a safe trip home!***