

# Christian Citizenship Seminar: April 5 - 9, 2025

*Draft Schedule*  
**Faith for Change**  
Matthew 25:31 – 46  
(as of 3/17/2025)

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

## **Saturday, April 5**

- 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 orientation to Friends Place (in the living room) and advisor's meeting
- 4:45 - 6:15 Dinner (paid for in your registration fee, we will walk to dinner 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: Political engagement from a theological perspective** (*Rev. Jenn Hosler, bivocational co-pastor at the Washington City Church of the Brethren and Community Psychologist.*)
- 8:30 - 9:00 Opening Worship and Reflection
- 9:00 - 11:30 Free time in groups with advisors
- 12 midnight** **Room check. All CCS participants in their rooms for the night.**

## **Sunday, April 6**

- Rise and Shine Breakfast (in groups with advisor. \$) (Jimmy T's is close, inexpensive, and cash only.)
- Morning Worship at a variety of churches in groups organized onsite; then lunch in groups (\$)
- Lunch Lunch in groups with advisors (\$)
- 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. **Session 2: Visit the US Botanic Gardens and/or a museum.** (Visit the [United States Botanic Garden](#) (free) as you have opportunity. There are [21 Smithsonian museums and the National Zoo](#). The African American History and Culture Museum, the Air and Space Museum, and the National Zoo require a free, timed entry pass – plan ahead!)
- 4:45 Advisor's meeting (@ Friends Place)
- 5:00 - 7:00 Dinner at area restaurants (pd. for in registration fee. Leave from Friends Place.)
- 7:00 - 8:00 **Session 3: Service and Policy** (*Rob Farley, DC Peace Cleaners*)
- 8:00 - 8:15 Break
- 8:15 - 9:15 **Session 4: Organizing 101** (*Micah Haskell-Hoehl, Organizer, Washington Interfaith Network; Elizabeth Rodriguez Marquez, Director of Farm Worker Advocacy, National Farm Worker Ministry*)
- 8:30 - 9:00 Spiritual Practice and Reflection
- 9:00 - 11:30 Free time in groups with advisors
- 12 midnight** **All CCS participants in their rooms for the night. Room check.**

## **Monday, April 7**

- 8:00 a.m. Leave for breakfast (*provided by Bethany Theological Seminary*)
- 9:30 - 11 a.m. **Session 5: Public Opinion (social media, other ways to engage)** (*Essam Attia - artist, advocate, and veteran whose work has focused heavily on combating the expanded use and proliferation of drones and autonomous weapons to help foster a more ethical foreign policy.*)
- 11 - 1 p.m. Lunch (*provided by Bethany Theological Seminary*)
- 1 - 2 p.m. **Session 6: Reflective walk: visit [Everyone Home DC](#)**
- 2:30 - 4:30 **Session 7: Visit the US Capitol** as a guest of your state. Plan with the office of your senator/representative to visit during this window of time.
- 4:30 - 7 p.m. Free time & dinner (in groups with an advisor. \$). Suggestion: Visit & eat at [Eastern Market](#).
- 7:00 - 8:30 **Session 8: Legislative Visit Talking Points Review** (*led by Jerry O'Donnell*)

8:30 – 9:00 Reflection  
9:00 – 9:30 BVS Conversation (and ice cream!)  
9:30 – 11:30 Free time in groups with advisors  
**12 midnight** *All CCS participants in their rooms for the night. Room check.*

### **Tuesday, April 8**

Rise and Shine! Breakfast (in groups with an advisor. \$) (\$ = you pay, bring money)  
9:30 – 11 **Session 9: Preparing for meetings**  
12 noon Lunch (\$) as you make your way to “The Hill”  
1:00-4:00 pm Congressional visits on Capitol Hill, as you’ve scheduled  
5:00-7:00 Dinner (in groups with an advisor. \$)  
7:00-8:30 **Session 10: Reflecting on your legislative visits (OPP Staff)**  
8:30 – 11:30 Free time in groups with advisors.  
**12 Midnight** *All CCS participants in their rooms for the night. Room check.*

### **Wednesday, April 9**

Rise and Shine! Breakfast (in groups with an advisor. \$)  
8:30-9:00 am Check out of Friends Place. Take luggage to church for final session.  
9:00 - 10:00 **Session 11: Taking CCS Home (OPP Staff)**  
10:00 – 11:00 Closing Worship