# International Affairs Seminar May 26-June 1, 2024 Theme: Social Media

## What is it?

International Affairs Seminar, otherwise known as IAS, is an opportunity to experience Washington DC and New York City that exposes participants to a larger worldview and challenges them to gain an understanding of their responsibility as Christians in our world today. It is a trip where faith, politics, and global issues come head-to-head, igniting deep discussion and transforming lives.

### Who is it for?

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are eligible to apply, but space is limited. All applicants must go through an interview process and be selected to participate in IAS.

#### How much does it cost?

Cost is \$600 and must accompany the application. If not selected to participate, the \$600 will be returned. This covers all expenses for the trip including airfare, ground transportation, train ticket, housing, 3 meals per day, theatre tickets, and entrance fees.

### What is involved?

Once selected, participants will attend regular meetings designed to prepare them for the experience, educate themselves on the study theme, and contribute to the planning of the overall trip. Each participant will be assigned different things to research and share with the rest of the group. Upon return, participants will be required to prepare and present a report of their experience to the congregation.

### How do I apply?

Submit the completed application and essay along with the \$600 trip fee (or arrangements on when it will be paid) to Mark Taylor at the church office or by email at mtaylor@fccedmond.org no later than Sunday, January 14.

### **Questions?**

Contact Rev. Mark Taylor for more information. Email: mtaylor@fccedmond.org Office: 405.341.3544 Cell: 405.922.9988



2022 IAS group in the US Capitol Building

### Sample Itinerary

#### Sunday

- Travel Day to Washington DC
- Settle into housing
- National Mall Tour
  Monday Memorial Day
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Monuments & Memorials
- Meeting Prep
  Tuesday
- Meetings with law makers, non-profits, etc.
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- Final DC sight-seeing
- Evening train to NYC
- Thursday
- Meetings
- Sight-seeing
- 9/11 museum Friday
- Meetings
- Sight-seeing
- Broadway Show
  Saturday
- Final NYC sight-seeing
- Travel Day Home