



High School Juniors and Seniors – College Freshmen **ARE YOU READY TO CHANGE THE WORLD?**

March 13-20, 2010

IAS is a different kind of mission trip, preparing you for a lifetime as a globally-aware Christian in the 21st century. Be part of an adventure that includes study, travel, service and advocacy.

2010 Topic: **CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION? WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY?**

What Will I Do?

- Prepare for the trip by studying assigned information and sharing with other participants online.
- Fly to New York City for firsthand briefings at the United Nations, Church World Service, and with other people with “boots on the ground” experience in the subject. While in New York, we'll also take in cultural, faith, and sightseeing activities such as:
 - Seeing a Broadway Play
 - Worship at the world famous Trinity Church
 - Touring Ellis Island, Central Park, Chinatown, and lower Manhattan
 - Eating new and different foods, riding the subway, and many others
- Train to Washington, D.C. for meetings with your state's congressional delegation. Hear what our government is doing in relation to the topic, and advocate for those who do not have a voice. The Washington visit typically includes:
 - Arlington National Cemetery, monuments and museums on the National Mall, and other D.C. landmarks
 - A service project, usually preparing food for serving in area homeless shelters
- Prepare upon return to share your experience and learning with your congregation, community, and school

For Parents

- IAS has been providing life-changing experiences for Disciples and UCC youth for more than 25 years.
- IAS sponsors are competent, experienced, and faithful Christians with a primary mission to provide for the safety of participants.
- Previous participants have cited their IAS experience as a major influence in their lives. They attribute college admission, scholarships, internship opportunities, and faith decisions to their IAS adventure. These participants include:
 - Several current and previous PULF Scholars and HELM Leadership Fellows
 - Ordained ministers and seminarians
 - Congressional interns and others in government service

For Congregations

- Helping to sponsor an IAS youth is an excellent investment in world mission and in fostering leadership.
- Returning youth are expected and equipped to share their experience in the local church and beyond.
- IAS alumni typically have a stronger connection to their faith and to the church upon leaving high school.

YES, I WANT TO GO! WHAT'S NEXT?

1. Make a plan. Talk with your parents, pastor or youth minister, and school counselor or teachers. Participating in the IAS mission will require money and commitment. Figure out together how you will meet these needs:

The **cost** for the 2010 seminar is **estimated to be \$1,500**. We attempt to keep the cost as low as possible by sharing accommodations, taking advantage of group rates, and walking or using public transportation when possible. How can you raise the money?

- Figure out how much you and your family can come up with yourselves. Income from your job, Christmas or birthday gifts from grandparents, and other sources can help a lot.
- Ask your church for sponsorship. Be willing to organize fundraisers, and be sure to emphasize that you will share the trip and what you learn when you get back.
- Check to see if local civic organizations offer scholarships for such experiences. Emphasize that this is an educational mission, not just a vacation.

Unless the trip falls during a break time, you will have to miss a week of classes. **Make sure your teachers know and that you are caught up or ahead in all your classes.** Find out if you can make a class presentation or write a paper for credit. While you don't have to be an honor student to participate (although many are), we don't recommend the mission for students who have difficulty keeping up with their schoolwork.

2. **Apply** to be a participant:

- Contact IAS Field Coordinator Michael Stein at thearchangel@fccscottsbuff.org, and request application materials. Questions may be directed to him at 308.635.1023.
- Applications are **due December 1 2009**, and will include the following:
 - Completed registration form, including a short personal statement about your hopes for the mission.
 - A \$500 deposit, made payable to the CRMR. Because we must make travel arrangements as soon as possible, the **deposit is not refundable after December 15**. The balance of payment is due no later than February 1, 2010.
 - A recent head and shoulders photo of yourself, for identification purposes.



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