

Come and Be a Part of the 2018 Emerging Leaders Conference

**WASHINGTON, DC
May 21-26, 2018**

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A one-week training and networking event for young leaders passionate about promoting and protecting international religious freedom. The conference is designed to educate and transform young leaders into effective advocates for international religious freedom.

When: May 21-26, 2018

Where: Washington, D.C. & metro area

What: Workshop modules and events will include:

Religious Freedom in Theory and Context

Training sessions on global Religious Freedom, Biblical theology, case studies of persecution, advocacy training, engagement with people, and first person testimonies.

Religious Freedom Tour

Our nation's heritage and memorials to protecting our rights, including religious freedom. This will include a tour of the U.S. Capitol, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, Founding Documents exhibit, and others.

Building Relationships for Religious Freedom

Collaborate and pray with other students from across the country, network with religious freedom and other professionals in Washington D.C.

Advancing Religious Freedom through Advocacy

Meet policy makers and congressional staff working on international religious freedom issues. Participate in an advocacy day on Capitol Hill.

Applications must be received by **April 30, 2018** and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Apply early at: bit.ly/EmergingLeaders2018.

Required application materials include resume (1-2 pages), transcript (unofficial is acceptable) and a personal statement: In 500 or fewer words, explain why religious freedom is a fundamental human right for all people and faiths.

Internship Opportunities Are you looking to get involved in human rights issues, religious liberty, or policy? Are you trying to build professional experience with colleagues that share your passion for the persecuted? Applicants for the conference are eligible for four summer 2018 Wilberforce Associate positions through the same application.

More details, a schedule, packing lists, etc. can be found at bit.ly/InformationPacket. Follow us on social media or contact: nathan@21wilberforce.org



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Schedule of Events and Activities

This schedule is subject to change. Each day will begin and end with group prayer, which we will ask people to share in leading. We will have breakfast, lunch, and dinner on-site at Meadowkirk or at a restaurant in Washington, D.C.

May 21 Arrival and Orientation

Dinner & snacks provided

- Registration
- Evening Prayer
- Freedom Movie Night
- *Please note your flight should arrive no later than 1pm*

May 22-23 Training and Capacity Building

Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks provided

- Morning Prayer/Evening Prayer
- **Biblical and Theological Foundation of Religious Freedom**
- **International Religious Freedom: Historically**
- **International Religious Freedom: Today**
- **Engaging with People and Policy**
- **Workshops:**
 - Advocacy Training
 - White Boarding Ideas
 - Group Collaboration

May 24 Advocacy Day

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, reception & snacks provided

- Meet policy makers and legislators, have advocacy meeting with your representative
- Networking reception with Hill staffers, NGO representatives

May 25 Religious Freedom Tour *Breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks provided*

- Tour of various DC locations – see the Constitution and Bill of Rights, Library of Congress and the Gutenberg Bible, Supreme Court, U.S. Capitol, Monument Tour

May 26 Going into the World

- Morning Prayer
- Final Prayer session, reflections.
- ***Please note, do not schedule flights before 2pm*** ***Please feel free to extend your time in DC to take advantage of your own networking opportunities or to see additional tourist sites***



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Logistics

We'll be training and staying at a retreat center in a dorm-style cottage where we can grow, learn, and pray together. We will provide transportation around the metro area.

Expenses that you'll be responsible for include travel to and from DC and getting to the arrival location in the DC Metro area, and a \$149 enrollment fee (if accepted, due within 2 weeks of acceptance). Expenses that the program cover include all local transportation, lodging, three meals a day and tour expenses. Please feel free to bring extra money for souvenirs, etc. You will be responsible for arranging your arrival on May 21 and departure on May 26 from our offices. Do not book flights that will land later than 1:00pm on May 21st, or depart before 2:00pm on May 26th

Packing List

- Bible
- journal & note pad, pens & pencils
- business cards (if you have them)
- flashlight, umbrella, jacket
- shower sandals, toiletries, ear plugs
- official photo ID
- clothes for 7 days, including one business suit/outfit, and the remaining casual clothes (note: please be able to walk all day in your business shoes)

All bedding and towels will be provided at retreat center

Networking

While our time and 21Wilberforce's support will conclude on May 26, consider staying over the weekend for additional networking opportunities or sightseeing.

Summer Internship Opportunities

Applicants are eligible for four Summer 2018 Wilberforce internships. There is one application for both the Conference and the internships. A stipend will be provided as well as up to four days leave of absence with supervisor approval. The start date is May 29th and will go to at least August 3, 2018. There will be days when we ask you as a group to tour the city and reflect on your experiences. The internship's scope of tasks fall into two main categories:

Advocacy Working to research current legislative areas of interest, sitting in on hearings and public meetings on Capitol Hill, working on collecting and arranging data, co-developing advocacy tools that will be used in Congress, working with our Government Affairs Director on various items, and other duties

Policy and Capacity Building Working to research current policy issues, following up on the latest news, doing research and data collection on religious freedom, working with our Policy Relations Director on various items, Alliance/Grassroots partner mobilization, supporting internal organizational capacity building, day-to-day operations, and other duties.

Because you can apply to both the Conference and the internship at the same time, we will only require one additional component for your internship application – a writing sample. This should demonstrate your ability to write thoughtfully, concisely, and professionally. It does not need to focus on religious freedom.

For additional information please contact: nathan@21wilberforce.org. Deadlines for the internship are the same as the Emerging Leaders Conference. Summer Internship application at: bit.ly/EmergingLeaders2018



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