



Religious Youth Service Washington DC Summer Workshop

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RELIGIOUS YOUTH SERVICE

“Young leaders of all faiths, serving together for peace”

Join us July 12th to 15th in Washington, D.C.!


Pursue excellence and welcome challenge!

- **Interfaith Dialogue**
- **Peace & Security Forum**
- **Community Service**
- **Briefing & Networking with Leaders of Congress, Embassies, and NGOs**
- **DC history Expedition**

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We are pleased to invite you to this summer’s Religious Youth Service (RYS) program in Washington, DC, **July 12-15, 2015**.

Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Founders of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), expressed their vision for RYS this way: *“Young leaders of all faiths serving together for peace and the well-being of our global human family.”*



The Religious Youth Service (RYS) is organized by the UPF office in Washington for young people (ages 19 – 30) of all faiths to participate and serve together for peace here in the capital of the United States. RYS/UPF – DC offers opportunities as a part of interfaith education to visit and receive briefings from top officials on Capitol Hill, the State Department, the White House, Embassies, and interfaith, religious, and NGO leaders.

RYS focuses on developing leadership and peacemaking skills through living and working together in service. The RYS participants include sons and daughters of the diplomats based in Washington, DC, and university students from across the country.

This could be the opportunity you have been looking for!

The program will include:

- **Interfaith education briefings by leaders of the major faiths**
- **Forum on peace and security hosted by UPF’s Office of Peace and Security Affairs**
- **Briefings at the White House, Capitol Hill, State Department, Pentagon & embassies**
- **Presentations at prestigious think tanks & interfaith NGOs**
- **Visits to religious sites: Mosque, synagogue, cathedral, Buddhist temple**
- **Service: Creating “Peace Garden,” planting trees and flowers**
- **Friendship and networking – Building new and life-long friendships**



Registration fee: \$150

* Visits to the State Department and White House subject to availability.

To fill out the registration form, [please click here](#) and send it by email to info@us.upf.org.

To view the RYS Summer Workshop Schedule, [please click here](#).

For more information, please contact Jorge Cuello Espinosa



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A Project of the Universal Peace Federation

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SCHEDULE

July 12 – 15, 2015

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DAY 1: SUNDAY, JULY 12 – ARRIVAL / WELCOME / ORIENTATION

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| 11:00 AM | Registration
Gallaudet University
800 Florida Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002 |
| 12:30 PM | Lunch Opening and Orientation
Welcoming Remarks by RYS Project Director
Introduce staff
RYS Video & Fellowship
The Washington Times
3600 New York Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002 |
| 3:30 PM | Depart for DC History Expedition / Sightseeing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial• Lincoln Memorial• Vietnam Veterans Memorial• Korean War Memorial |
| 7:30 – 8:30 PM | Welcome dinner at Upshur House
1611 Upshur Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016

Back to the Gallaudet University
800 Florida Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002 |
| 10:30 PM | Bedtime |

DAY 2: MONDAY, JULY 13 – EDUCATION DAY

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| 6:30 AM | Wake up |
| 6:45 AM | Reading & Meditation |
| 7:15 AM | Breakfast
At Market Place Gallaudet U. /King Jordan Student Academic Center |

(Jun 24-Draft schedule)

- 8:30 AM Depart to The Washington Times (Beech Room)
3600 New York Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002
- 9:00 AM Program venue: The Washington Times
Session 1: *World Religions I*
- Interfaith Candle-Lighting Ceremony
Presentations:
- **Judaism:** Rabbi Mark Rafael
Kehilat Shalom synagogue, Gaithersburg, MD (retired)
 - **Christianity:**
 - **Islam:** Dr. Sahar Khamis, Associate Professor, Maryland University - pending
 - **Unificationism:** Rev. Ricardo de Sena
President, UPF-USA
 - Q&A
- 11:00 AM Break
- 11:15 AM **Session 2: *World Religions II***
- Buddhism – Gen. Kelsang Varahi
Vajrayogini Buddhist Center
 - Hinduism - Minister Amar Nath Gupta
Capital Hindu temple
 - Native American – Mrs. Penny Gamble Williams
 - Q&A
- 12:30 - 1:30 PM **Lunch and Guest speaker:**
Thomas McDevitt, Chairman, *The Washington Times*
- 1:45 PM Depart to the Basilica of the National Shrine
- 2:00 – 3:30 PM **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**
400 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20017
Contact: Mr. Andrew Spady, Director of Visitor Services,
isitortservices@bnsic.org
- 4:00 – 4:30 PM **Sixth & I Historic Synagogue**
600 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001
- 4:45 - 6:00 PM **The Islamic Center**

2551 Mass. Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20008

7:00 PM Return to Gallaudet University
Dinner (The place to be TBD)

8:00 PM Reflections & team meetings at Gallaudet U.
10:30 PM Bedtime

DAY 3: TUESDAY, JULY 14 – VISITING DAY

6:30 AM Wake-up
7:00 AM Meditation & Reading
7:30 AM Breakfast at Market Place Gallaudet U. /King Jordan Student
Academic Center
8:15 AM Departure (Need ID)

9:00 AM **Tour at Pentagon – pending**

Department of State, Desk Officer for Mauritania and
Niger, Office of West African Affairs

White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood
Partnerships, 726 Jackson Pl. NW, Washington, DC - *pending*

11:00 AM Reverend Brenda Girton-Mitchell
Director, Department of Education
Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships
U.S. Department of Education, Office of the Secretary
400 Maryland Ave., S.W. Washington, DC 20202

12:30 PM **Congresswoman Donna Edwards, (D-MD)**
2445 Rayburn House Office Building, WDC 20515

1:00 PM Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 PM Capitol Hill walking tour
Meet in the office of **Rep. Christopher Van Hollen (D-MD)**
1707 Longworth House Office Building, WDC 20515
Briefing by Rep. Van Hollen

4:00 PM **Congressman Danny Davis, (D-IL)**
2159 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

- 4:40 PM **Congressman Rodney Davis, (R-IL) - requested**
1740 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
- 6:00 PM Group photo by the Ulysses S. Grant Memorial at the west side of the U.S. Capitol building
- 6:30 – 8:30 PM “The Role of Religion in Peace and Security,” hosted by the Universal Peace Federation’s Office of Peace and Security Affairs
Dinner at The Washington Times
Speaker:
Dr. Antonio Betancourt:
Director of the Peace and Security Office of UPF-DC
Dr. Zainab Chaudry:
Maryland Outreach Manager, CAIR, Council on American Islamic Relations
Dr. Adina Friedman: Conflict Analysis and Resolution
George Mason University - *requested*
- 10:30 PM Bedtime

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 – VISITING AND SERVICE DAY

- 6:30 AM Wake-up
- 7:00 AM Meditation and Reading
- 7:30 AM Breakfast at Market Place Gallaudet U.
- 8:30 AM Departure
- 9:30 AM Mayor of Washington, D.C., Muriel Bowser
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004
- Visit Embassies**
- 11:00 AM **International Center for Religion and Diplomacy- requested**
Briefing with Rebecca Cataldi, Program Director,
1003 K Street, NW, Suite 400, WDC 20001
- 12:00 - 1:30 PM **Lunch at Union Station**
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Briefing at The Heritage Foundation**
214 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington DC 20002
- 3:30 PM Depart to the Service Project site

4:00 - 6:00PM RYS Joint project with Serve DC (The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism)

7:30 PM Dinner and Closing Ceremony

9:00 PM End of the program

Upshur House

1611 Upshur Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016