**Messiah College Civil Rights Bus Tour**

**2018 Student Application**

**Background**

In keeping with its mission of promoting reconciliation in church and society, Messiah College has sent more than 60 employees and students on a Civil Rights bus tour since 2011. This experiential learning opportunity has empowered participants to better comprehend the history of the United States and the continuing importance of racial reconciliation. The group travels for 10 days visiting prominent Civil Rights sites in the South, meeting participants of the movement, while engaging a range of textual and audio-visual materials. Participants are also provided with opportunities to interact with each other, to reflect about implications and to share their insights with a wider audience.

**Outcomes**

As a result of participating in the tour, students will …

1. Gain an understanding of the impact of racial injustice on the history of the United States.
2. Comprehend the strategies and theological underpinnings of the Civil Rights Movement in pursuing a way towards justice and reconciliation.
3. Enhance their self-awareness within the context of this history, with empathy and humility.
4. Consider next steps to participate in the ongoing pursuit of the goals of peacemaking, reconciliation, and inclusive excellence in their work on campus and beyond.
5. Demonstrate a willingness to listen to and appreciate the cultural narratives of individuals from diverse backgrounds.

**Details**

Students interested in participating in the tour need to complete this application in order to be considered. **The deadline for applications for the 2018 tour (June 8–17) is April 10, 2018.** Complete this form and e-mail to SILP@messiah.edu The selection committee will notify the selected student participants by April 17, 2018.

Student name: Click or tap here to enter text. Unit (box) #: Click or tap here to enter text.

Current class status (check one): [ ]  First-Year [ ] Sophomore [ ] Junior

Academic major(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text. Cell phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Leadership role for upcoming academic year 2018‒2019 (indicate new or returning):

Click or tap here to enter text. [ ] New [ ]  Returning

Current leadership role (if any or if different from above): Click or tap here to enter text.

Name of leadership advisor (list current or future): Click or tap here to enter text.

**Short Answer Questions**

Please provide your typed answers to the below questions on a separate sheet of paper and submit with this completed application. Try to keep each of your responses to 200 words or less.

1. Why do you want to participate in the Civil Rights Bus Tour?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Why do you think it is important to have a thorough understanding of the history of the Civil Rights Movement? Why might this be important for an institution like Messiah College?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. How do you plan to use the insight gained from this trip in your student leadership role at Messiah College?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. How do you plan to use the insight gained from this trip beyond Messiah College?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What, if any, previous experience do you have in the area of diversity and inclusion, on campus or elsewhere?

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Participant Expectations**

1. Maintain standards outlined in the Messiah College Student Leader Agreement
2. Attend pre-departure meetings, which include an orientation and a review and discussion of pre-departure materials
3. Attend the full tour with the group
4. Maintain a reflection journal and contribute two or more posts to the Messiah College Civil Rights Bus Tour blog over the course of the tour.
5. Participate in team meetings during the course of the tour.
6. Attend and participate in post-tour debriefings and events.

**Acknowledgement**

By submitting this application, you give the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership Programs permission to view your student record to determine if any probationary status is in effect. Student participants must not be on academic, chapel, or disciplinary probation.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above participant expectations for the Civil Rights Bus Tour.

**Student e-Signature:** Click or tap here to enter text. **Date:** Click or tap here to enter text.

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**“RETURNING TO THE ROOTS OF CIVIL RIGHTS”**

**BUS TOUR 2018**

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NAME Click or tap here to enter text.

ADDRESS Click or tap here to enter text.

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PHONE Click or tap here to enter text.

LODGING\* ~~Single~~[ ]  Double [ ]

 Roommate Click or tap here to enter text.

 Room Type: Smoking[ ]  Non-Smoking[ ]  No Preference [ ]

~~\*Tour rate of $1,000.00 is based on double-occupancy of rooms. Unless you are registering for the trip as a Single, you will be assigned a roommate. A limited number of Single rooms are available at a rate of $1,300.00 per person. MEALS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE.~~

~~Registration is on a first-come/first-served basis. Seats can be secured by submitting a non-refundable deposit of $100.00 (payable to: The Common Ground Project). NO seats will be reserved until a deposit is paid. NO exceptions. NO group discounts available. Balance is due in full no later than May 9~~.

~~Deposits and applications should be mailed to:~~

**~~Todd Allen~~**

**~~Attn: Civil Rights Bus Tour~~**

**~~4011 Chapman Court~~**

**~~Dover, PA 17315~~**

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