

Friends!

Thank you for your interest in a PGV delegation to Ecumenical Advocacy Days. I wanted to share more information and detail with you regarding this excellent opportunity. I have been twice now and it is worth every penny and every minute!

Here's how it's going to work (at least in my head, at this point):

We will meet at the Presbytery office at **9:30am on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** and travel by van to the Double Tree Hotel in Crystal City, VA. Compassion, Peace and Justice Day begins at 8am on Friday morning. We will return late on Monday, departing after our visits on Capitol Hill. The exact return time won't be known until closer to the conference date when we learn our appointment times.

Here's what you are responsible for:

1. Confirm with me by **March 10<sup>th</sup>** that yes, you want a seat on the van! According to Mapquest, it's a 382 mile (6-1/2 hr) trip. Transportation costs are underwritten by Mission & Advocacy.
2. Let me know your rooming preference (single, double, triple, quadruple, quintuple – same gender) and if you have a particular roommate(s) selection by **March 10<sup>th</sup>**. There are two double beds and a roll-away option per room (for an additional \$25/night). This will determine your **4-night total cost for housing**: \$584/one person; \$292 for two people; or \$233 for three. This includes *estimated* taxes and service charges. I have a block of rooms set aside for us.
3. Register with Ecumenical Advocacy Days by **March 20<sup>th</sup>** to receive the early bird discount. The **cost is \$225**. <https://advocacydays.org/2017-confronting-chaos/registration/> After March 20<sup>th</sup>, the fee is \$250.
4. Register with Compassion, Peace and Justice Day: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington/advocacy-training-weekend/> The **cost is \$60**.
5. You will be responsible for most of your meals. The only meals provided by the conference are lunches for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

What does all that mean? Your costs:

\$225 Registration fee for EAD  
\$ 60 Registration fee for CPJ Day  
\$292 Housing (based on double occupancy)  
\$148 estimate for meals  
**\$725 – Approximate total cost**

***The Presbytery of Genesee Valley is covering the cost of transportation (vehicle fees, gas and parking).*** Woo hoo!

Let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Be sure to spread the word!

Susan