

International Christian Leadership Seminar on Holocaust, anti-Semitism and Israel annually at Yad Vashem

Dates: Spring around April-May time; the seminar lasts 8 full days including field trips at the beginning and at the end of studies. The week of the seminar includes Yom HaShoah, the Holocaust Memorial Day, which enables the participants to experience this unique event at Yad Vashem.

The Course:

The Holocaust is a defining event in human history, which generated a credibility crisis of major proportions in our most basic assumptions about the nature of mankind, of society, of the modern state, and of our responsibility as individuals to take a stand against unjust suffering of innocent people everywhere. These universal questions, and many others, touch upon the very foundations of civilization and even now, over sixty years since the end of World War II, we have not yet come to terms with the implications of this event. The Holocaust has therefore become a compelling challenge for concerned individuals all over the world.

Yad Vashem is best placed to help these committed individuals to meet this challenge in an open, honest, and professional environment. Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies is offering senior pastors and ministry leaders a unique educational experience. During a weeklong seminar in Israel the select group of 20 participants only will experience world-class lectures, moving Holocaust survivor testimonies and an introduction to Israel through trips to key sites and monuments. Special emphasis will be placed on Christian theology as background to modern anti-Semitism. The language of instruction will be English.

Application process:

Applicants are invited to request application forms and further information from:

Christian.friends@yadvashem.org.il

Participants:

Participants are expected to be Christian leaders (pastors, Ministry leaders etc.), who will be using the knowledge gained during the seminar to connect their communities and ministries with Holocaust remembrance and education. This is not a seminar for educators. The seminar is not open to spouses nor is it offered for auditing.

Expectations:

Course participants are expected to attend all the sessions (excluding optional field trips) and to actively participate in the exercises and discussions. Following the course, participants are expected to make a commitment to host a Christian Friends of Yad Vashem event at their church or community.

Scholarship:

The selected participants will receive a scholarship covering course fee, field trips, hotel and meals. The scholarship does not cover round-trip travel from the participants' country of origin nor medical insurance.

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