

## Living Justice Seminar Program

### **2009 Reference Form**

Please TYPE or PRINT in Black Ink

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for the Living Justice Seminar Program through the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner of the United Methodist Church.

The Living Justice Seminar Program is designed to provide an introduction to a specific topic related to social and economic justice from a faith perspective. The 2009 Living Justice Seminar Program topic is entitled: Eradicating the Diseases of Poverty: Women, Children and the Struggle for Wholeness. This seminar will focus on the health of women and children in the United States and around the world. We will explore issues of maternal and infant health, the effects of Malaria and HIV/AIDS on women and their children, sustainable agriculture and its impact on the health of women and children. We will explore ways in which women and children are working collectively to improve the health and wholeness of their communities. While there is a focus topic, often the topic itself and participant discussions will include other social justice issues that may relate in various ways. The seminar will provide participants the opportunity to learn from leaders in the field and to share in conversation with fellow participants from a faith perspective. It is the intention of the seminar program to provide an introduction to the topic, bring together Young Adults (ages 20-30) throughout the United States who share a common commitment to faith and justice, provide a supportive environment to nurture this commitment to faith and justice, and provide a space for Young Adults to learn from each other.

Since it is our purpose to secure an understanding of the applicant's personality as a whole, we urge you to be honest, in justice both to the person under consideration and to our program. Please complete the below form, and then place in an envelope with your signature on the outer seal. Please return the sealed envelope to the applicant. Please feel free to include any pertinent information about the applicant's abilities or qualifications for participation. We are grateful for your prompt assistance and will treat your reply confidentially.

1. How long, how well, and under what circumstances have you known the applicant?
2. What has the applicant given as her/his reason for applying to this program?
3. Note specific strengths/limitations you have observed in the applicant, please be specific.

4. Would you recommend this applicant for the Living Justice Seminar Program and why or why not?
  
5. Characterize your experience with the applicant working within diverse settings and with diverse leadership who may be of a different gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, age or culture.
  
6. Answer the following questions by giving the applicant a numerical rating and several descriptive words or phrases. Please use the following scale: 4= Outstanding, 3= Satisfactory, 2= Fair, 1= Poor. If you are not familiar with the applicant in some of the given situations, please give the applicant a U= Unknown.

**Please characterize the applicant's ability to...**

- \_\_\_ a. Live out her/his understanding of social justice and the gospel.
- \_\_\_ b. Be conscious of and work with her/his personal strengths and weaknesses.
- \_\_\_ c. Adapt to new situations.
- \_\_\_ d. Learn from her/his own mistakes.
- \_\_\_ e. Deal with criticism, rejection, or disapproval.
- \_\_\_ f. Recognize how his/her culture impacts his/her attitudes, assumptions, values, and behaviors.
- \_\_\_ g. Respect and work within communities of different attitudes, assumptions, value behaviors, and religious beliefs.
- \_\_\_ h. Listen to other people.
- \_\_\_ i. Show leadership.
- \_\_\_ j. Work as part of a team.
- \_\_\_ k. Work within diverse settings and with diverse leadership who may be of a different gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, age or culture.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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