

# Plumbline Tour 2014

*I will set a plumbline  
in the midst  
of my people.*

- Amos 7:8

**October 12-15, 2014**  
**New York City**

**Plumbline Tour '14** is an invitation to all interested United Methodist *High School Youth* to learn how to reflect on social justice issues from a Christian perspective.

The seminar will be held at the Church Center at the United Nations in New York City.

We will:

- attend workshops
- worship together
- reflect on what we've learned
- tour the UN
- explore New York City
- have fun with each other
- eat amazing food!

*We hope you can join us!*



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Northern Illinois Conference

## JUSTICE

*From Incarceration  
to Restoration*



### Seminar Content

The term “justice” often implies righting things that are wrong, including lifting up those who have been knocked down. In many cases, though, “justice” has not been used not to lift up but to isolate (either by sending someone to a room—your room, the principal’s office—or incarcerating in prison).

Is there a different way to think about justice? Can we move from a model of separation by incarceration and move towards restoration through faith?

If we think about accountability, could there be a way to be accountable and hold others accountable that goes beyond “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth”?

New York City offers a unique venue to think about these issues and bring thoughts and questions. We’ll discuss the following topics:

1. What Biblically-based alternatives could we use to resolve conflict?
2. How are we to live justly, especially when the term “justice” is often used in unjust ways?

### Expectations

All participants are expected to:

1. Abide by the group’s covenant of conduct.
2. Participate fully in ALL aspects of the program.
3. Try new food.
4. Bring comfortable shoes.

There will be lots of walking!

## Cost

The seminar fee of **\$695**, includes:

- Roundtrip *airfare* to NYC (and in-city travel)
- *Hotel* accommodations
- All *meals* (restaurant meals included)
- *All* other program costs (UN, tours, seminar)

A refundable \$50 fee is due with the Registration Form.

***Partial Scholarships are available*** (please indicate need when you send in application materials).

All applications must be received by  
**September 15th, 2014**

### How Do I Apply?

Fill out a Registration Form

(see reverse side)

Include \$50 refundable registration fee

Mail to: Natarsha Gardner  
NIC Program Office

217 Division Street, Elgin, IL 60120

Phone: 847-931-0710, ext. 16;

Fax: 847-931-0732

Email: ngardner@umcnic.org

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### Questions?

Contact Michael Mann  
at 847-931-0710, ext. 20 or  
email at mmann@umcnic.org

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## Registration Form

**Please Return by no later than September 15th, 2014 to:**

Natarsha Gardner, NIC Program Office

217 Division Street, Elgin, IL 60120

Fax: (847) 931-0732 Email: ngardner@umcnic.org

Please include \$50 deposit. Make check payable to Northern Illinois Conference.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Are you in need of a Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic/Racial Identity \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Respond to the following questions:

- Will you be willing to share your experience in churches when you return? \_\_\_\_\_
- Will you sign a release from liability statement, releasing the Northern Illinois Conference and persons related to it from liability? \_\_\_\_\_
- Will you abide by the designated standards set forth by the leadership team? \_\_\_\_\_

### Essay Questions - Please use additional sheets as necessary.

**Motivation:** What motivates you to attend this youth seminar? (1 or 2 paragraphs only)

**References:** Please send a letter of reference from a member of your church, along with this form.

(Please give pastor's name so they can be contacted as a reference.)

Your Signature and today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

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