



The New York State Council of Churches is sponsoring a leadership forum to the United Nations for high school youth in February 2018, during school vacation week. We will travel to NYC on **Tuesday, February 20 and return home Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018. (Note the change in days of the week for our 2018 trip.)**

The focus of our time together will be "Reclaiming the Voice of Resistance." We will study at the Church of the Covenant, near the Hilton Hotel where we are staying, and tour the UN. The seminar is designed to equip youth to be advocates for change.

The leader for the seminar on Wednesday, February 21 will be Solomon Starr, a gifted speaker, lyricist/poet, scholar and music producer who was born and raised in New York City. He attended Central College, in Pella, Iowa and mobilized students on campus to create institutional change by advocating for racial justice in curriculum, personnel and public representation. Solomon's mission has been to organize and help bring liberation to groups across the country aiming for social change by combining performing arts and social action. Solomon Starr finds no greater satisfaction than helping to transform people through the powerful gifts of word and music. He received a Masters of Divinity and a Doctorate in Urban Ministry from New Brunswick Theological Seminary.



The cost of **\$400** covers lodging, travel by chartered bus, 2 lunches and two breakfasts. Students will need to bring money for dinner Monday and Tuesday (unless they opt to join the group for a Broadway show and dinner in Times Square on Tuesday), which will be an additional charge.

Please see a flyer and application form using the links below. **Applications and a \$50 deposit are due by December 1, 2017.** For additional information, please contact Christy D'Ambrosio at christy@firstpresalbany.org or 518-423-4763.

[Flyer for 2018 Youth Trip to the UN](#)

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Thank you,
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