Lott Carey Youth Seminar 2020
Frequently Asked Questions – FAQ’s

1. **What if I need to cancel, switch or change an attendee’s registration?**
   All cancellations, with expectation of a refund (minus the $25 service fee), must be finalized by May 15, 2020 with the Lott Carey operations manager. All updates to registrations must take place by May 31, 2020. Any switches that occur after May 31, 2020 must be done on-site and the new attendee MUST be the same gender as the attendee whose place, he/she has taken.

2. **Are all the activities and events on the schedule required? If not, which ones are optional?**
   All the plenary sessions (both afternoon and evening), Family Groups sessions, mission outreach opportunities, worship sessions and evening devotions are required. The extra-curricular activities are not required, per se. However, attendees will have a much richer experience if they try to get involved in 1-3 extra-curricular activities.

3. **How do I get involved in the extra-curricular activities, such as recreation, choir, mime, dance, etc.?**
   Attendees can sign up for extra-curricular activities during the online registration process. They can also, indicate their interests on the paper registration form if that is how the individual or group chooses to register. By indicating one’s preferences through the online registration, the IYD staff and volunteers from each area will contact those interested within one week so that attendees will be prepared for those opportunities prior to the Youth Seminar.

4. **When is there free time?**
   Attendees can choose to spend their free time at their leisure during the meal times and recreation/practices periods.

5. **What meals are included with the Youth Seminar registration fee?**
   The registration fee covers most of the meals beginning with dinner on Saturday and ending with breakfast on Thursday. These meals are listed on the Youth Seminar Schedule. Attendees are responsible for covering the cost of the late-night snack bar and any meals outside of this time frame.

6. **What if I have food allergies? How will my needs be addressed?**
   Please be sure to indicate any special dietary needs and food allergies on the Health History Form. The seminar location offers a variety of menu items to address lactose, peanut, nut, and gluten allergies, as well as vegetarian and vegan selections. Attendees with severe dietary needs should contact the Lott Carey IYD team (iyd@lottcarey.org), which will work with the school to address such needs and provide adequate meals and nutritional support.

7. **How much money should I bring?**
   The amount of money that attendees bring is totally based upon their own discretion. We implore each person to bring at least $12 for the offering that will be collected to help with Lott Carey global outreaches and initiatives. Other expenses may include meals during travel, the late-night snack bar and personal incidentals. Youth Seminar attendees should not bring items to the Youth Seminar that they cannot afford to lose. Lott Carey, nor its leadership and designates, are responsible for lost or missing items.
8. **How much time is spent in “Family Groups”?**

Youth Seminar Family Groups provide attendees with the invaluable once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to engage, learn, share, pray and serve with their peers in a synergistic atmosphere, which encourages healthy dialogue and mutual support. Over the years, we have witnessed lifelong bonds and friendships develop out of these Family Groups. Throughout the seminar attendees will meet in their Family Groups for mission outreaches, learning sessions, evening devotions and a few recreational challenges (against other Family Groups). These times are listed in the Youth Seminar Schedule.

9. **How will I spend time with my church members if so, much time is spent in Family Groups?**

We encourage church members to make the most of their travel time, to and from the seminar, to engage with one another. We also suggest that church members utilize meal and recreational times to share their seminar experiences with one another. Some churches also gather prior to plenary sessions and evening devotions to meet, dialogue and pray.

10. **How are family group leaders selected, vetted and trained?**

Family group leaders are persons over the age of 18 that have gone through an extensive interview process, a background check and training sessions prior to the Youth Seminar. Because Family Group leaders come from a rich diversity of backgrounds and locations, the initial trainings will happen online, and later in person.

11. **Why is the dress code taken so seriously? What happens if I don’t abide by the Youth Seminar dress code?**

The Annual Youth Seminar is a major programmatic thrust of the Lott Carey Global Christian Missional Community, in which we endeavor to share our Christian witness wherever we are located throughout the world, including on the campuses and communities where the Youth Seminar is held. While the dress code still allows for and encourages personal uniqueness and creativity, we must present ourselves as young people and adults that represent Christ with dignity, poise and self-respect. If a leader and/or designate feels that an attendee is dressed inappropriately he/she will be asked and expected to change his/her clothes immediately. Please see the Youth Seminar Code of Conduct for more information on the Youth Seminar dress code and the consequences for continual violations.

12. **What can I do to prepare myself and/or my group for the Youth Seminar?**

Please register on time and turn in your Health History Forms by May 31st. These forms are critical in helping us respond most effectively to any medical or unforeseen circumstance that may arise. Also, please meet with your attendees, leaders and parents, once or twice, prior to the seminar to share the Seminar Schedule, Items to Pack, Code of Conduct, Dress Code, and other requisite items so that all attendees will be on one accord. We encourage groups to build anticipation by viewing and sharing the 2019 Youth Seminar video montage with prospective church groups, attendees and their families.

13. **What other programs and initiatives are the IYD working on throughout the year in which my youth, young adults and leaders can get involved?**

The International Youth Department (IYD) of the Lott Carey Global Christian Missional Community works throughout the year to provide young people from across the globe the opportunity to serve those in need and change the world, one life, one family and one community at a time. For more information on the IYD International Missions Projects, the International Youth Ministry Network, and the International Emerging Leaders leadership development program, please log on to [www.lottcareyiyd.org](http://www.lottcareyiyd.org).