



## **Christian Unity Gathering**

**Sponsored by the National Council of Churches**

Theme:

### **Confronting the Hierarchy of Human Value: Revisiting our Past and Naming God's Preferred Future**

**October 14-15, 2019**

**Holiday Inn Newport News – Hampton  
Hampton, Virginia**

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Students who participate in the Christian Unity Gathering will have a commitment to ecumenism and a willingness to mix and engage with other seminarians from across the nation.

Also, this year's Christian Unity Gathering will mark the quadricentennial of the arrival of the first enslaved African persons on English-speaking North American soil with a time of remembrance at Old Point Comfort. It is the hope of the conference that reflection on the continuing legacies of slavery will lead to a greater clarity as an ecumenical community regarding what reparative justice looks like in our nation and communities as well as in our churches.

However, in order to choose 2 students, the following requirements have been established. If you are interested in being considered for the all expense paid trip to the conference, follow the requirements below. The awardees will be announced on September 7th at the Fall Retreat.

#### **Submission Requirements**

Students interested in applying for the all expense paid trip must do the following:

1. Plan to enroll in TMU3334: Introduction to World Christianity; 4 Cr. (Elective) in the 2019 Fall Semester
2. Write a 250-word essay double spaced - What is ecumenism and why is ecumenism important for the 21<sup>st</sup> century church? How have or will you incorporate ecumenism into your ministry? Incorporate information about the National Council of Churches A.C.T. Now to End Racism Initiative into your essay - Visit <http://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/resources/>.

Email your essay to Dr. Wanda Lundy – [wlundy@nyts.edu](mailto:wlundy@nyts.edu). The deadline is August 15, 2019 - 12 Midnight.  
Please put in the Subject Line – Christian Unity Gathering