**Civil Rights Interfaith Service and Leadership Trip**

**Application – Due Monday, November 18, 2019**

**Decisions Announced – Friday, November 22, 2019**

The Chaplain’s Office is sponsoring a Civil Rights Interfaith Service and Leadership Trip, Friday February 28 at 3pm to Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Up to eight students will be selected by a committee of faculty and staff, and all of their expenses for the trip will be paid (except for personal items and incidentals). Students are asked to read at least one of the graphic novel series, *March* by civil rights leader and congressman, John Lewis. Selected students will read Bryan Stevenson’s book, *Just Mercy*, together for the trip (free copies will be provided).

The tentative itinerary for the trip is as follows: (specific flight information will be determined in early December)

Friday, February 28, 2020

Depart for airport 3pm

Flight to Atlanta out of Baltimore. Spend night in Atlanta

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Tour MLK Museum & Ebenezer Baptist Church

Dialogue: Islam and intersections with Civil Rights

Service Trip at Nicholas House: serving a meal to residents

Travel to Auburn, AL

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Travel to Selma for 54nd Celebration of Civil Rights March across Edmund Pettus Bridge

Interfaith Engagement-Jewish perspective in Selma

Tour the Jackson Home

Evening Reflection Time: Reflecting on the how we talk about History

Monday, March 2, 2020

Presentation and Service with Equal Justice Initiative http://eji.org/

Truth and Justic Memorial

Evening Reflection Time: Current Issues of Race, Poverty and Incarceration

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 return to Atlanta

Dialogue: racial justice and Christianity

Civil and Human Rights Museum of Atlanta

Closing Experience & Reflection Time

Fly Home-Arrive at midnight to Etown College

Application Materials

As this trip is completely free for students (meals, flights, transportation, lodging), this application requests that you read, in preparation, at least one of the March Series Graphic Novels written by civil rights leader and congressman, John Lewis. Copies can be found at the library reserve desk, or in the office of Amy Shorner-Johnson. Please borrow one copy at a time. Then complete the following:

1. Please secure one e-mail or letter of support from a faculty or staff member (one paragraph suffices).
2. Please read and reflect on *at least one* of the graphic novel books in the MARCH series, written by civil rights leader and congressman, John Lewis.
* What sticks out to you about conviction, organization, or hopes/desires of John Lewis or any of the people whose voices he shares?
* What do you hope to engage or learn on this trip where we will engage issues pertaining to civil rights, racism, poverty, religion and/or peacemaking?
* What would you be willing to contribute upon return, including making presentations to academic classes, helping a faculty member shape a new for-credit academic course on topics related to this trip, leading and living in new ways on our campus and in the local community, etc.?

*Please send letter of support and essay to Amy Shorner-Johnson,* *shornera@etown.edu* *Chaplain’s Office, Brossman Commons 254.*