



**Council of Bishops**  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Application for Scholarship to Attend The Ecumenical Institute at Bossey**  
**Fall 2020 (for participation in the Fall 2021 Graduate Session)**

*The Ecumenical Institute was founded by The World Council of Churches in Switzerland in 1946 as an “ecumenical laboratory,” bringing together students of ecumenism from across the Christian community. The Council of Bishops (COB) is pleased to offer an annual scholarship to one student to participate in the “Complementary Certificate in Ecumenical Studies”(CC) through Bossey in conjunction with the University of Geneva. A total amount of \$10,000 US will be sent to Bossey on behalf of the chosen student. Applicants for this scholarship must be active members of The United Methodist Church, be between the ages of 22 and 30, be preparing through an approved seminary for vocational ministry in The UMC, and be accepted by Bossey into this program. The deadline to receive application to Bossey is in November 2020, so completed applications for this scholarship must be received by the Council of Bishops’ office no later than October 1, 2020. Notification will be given to the scholarship recipient no later than October 9, 2020 so the recipient can complete his or her application to Bossey in time. For more information about the CC in Ecumenical Studies, go to [www.institute.oikoumene.org](http://www.institute.oikoumene.org).*

*If you are chosen to receive this scholarship, then you are agreeing to:*

- 1. Take responsibility for your own travel, meals, insurance and application directly to Bossey (this form is solely for a scholarship from the COB. It is not application into the program.)*
- 2. Write a 3-page report of your experience at Bossey and turn it in to the COB office. Include at least 3 photos and send it to [jhawxhurst@umc-cob.org](mailto:jhawxhurst@umc-cob.org), within two weeks of the end of the course.*
- 3. Agree to be spotlighted in information sent out by the COB as promotional material, and agree to present a report to the COB, or its Leadership Team on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relationships, if asked.*

Date of Submission of This Application: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (with country code): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Seminary/Theology School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree in Process of Earning: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Vocational Plans (Elder, Deacon, Local Pastor, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

United Methodist Church in which Membership is Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual or Central Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following with 200-400 words for each question:

1. Why would you be an excellent candidate to participate in the graduate school at Bossey? (Include any ecumenical experience you have had.)
2. What do you hope to learn from your studies at Bossey?
3. How will you use the experience and information gained to benefit the people of The United Methodist Church when you return home?
4. How will you pay for the full cost of the program? (Include all funding sources, including personal and institutional.)

*\*By signing this form you confirm you are an active seminary student, member of The UMC and agree to the terms outlined above.*

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Signature

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Date

Attach this completed form to the following and email it to Dr. Jean Hawxhurst at [jhawxhurst@umc-cob.org](mailto:jhawxhurst@umc-cob.org) no later than October 1, 2020:

1. Your typed responses to the above questions.
2. A scanned copy of your seminary student ID.
3. A scanned copy of your current passport.
4. A signed statement of reference from an administrator of your seminary.
5. A signed statement of reference from your Bishop.