**Underground Seminary**

**2018 Cohort Application**

Our second cohort will begin in fall of 2018. If interested in exploring this possibility with us, complete this application and we will follow up with a phone conversation to discern God’s will together. If the discernment advances, we will try to arrange a site visit here at US.

**Contact Info**

Name:

Email:

Mobile:

Address:

**Background Info**

Birth date:

Gender:

Race/Ethnicity:

Family status (single, married, separated, divorced, children, etc):

Educational and/or work background (if available, you can email us a resume and/or curriculum vitae instead):

Church/faith background (church experience, denominational affiliation, etc.):

Personal financial situation, especially any debt you have (school, credit card, etc.):

**Essay Questions**

*Underground Seminary is for those who sense a call to be radical advocates for the world today. It is designed to be both a transformative education and an intimate, intensive and intentional community experience. We believe that our socialization into the forces of empire requires a decolonizing of the self by following the way of Jesus. This can at times be painful, but is also a narrow path that can unleash great joy and liberation of spirit for those who complete our program. Please respond as honestly as possible so that our follow up conversation and mutual discernment may be fruitful.*

**Short Essays *(up to 500 words)***

1. Do you have a history of physical or mental health issues or trauma of some kind? (medical conditions, disabilities, food restrictions, history of addiction, depression, etc.) If so, please describe. How do you think this would affect your participation in the seminary?
2. Describe any experience you have in intentional community living. What did you enjoy about it and what were the challenges? If you don’t have experience, what excites you and what scares you about living in intentional community?
3. What are the sources of your insecurity? What makes you anxious even now? How does this inform how you relate to hurt feelings and conflict?
4. How do you locate yourself in the historical and structural sin of white supremacy? How does this affect the way you see yourself? How does this affect your relationship with people of different races and cultural backgrounds?

**Extended Essay *(1,000-1,500 words)***

How has your family of origin, culture and faith shaped the person you are today? In light of this background, why do you want to be a student at Underground Seminary? What do you hope to learn and how do you hope to grow?

**Two Letters of Reference**

Please submit a letter of reference from two people, along with their contact information (no relatives). They can email directly to laura@undergroundsem.org.

***Helpful information for those interested in becoming a student at Underground Seminary***

* Underground Seminary is a two-year program. The school year runs from September-May, with possible summer activities available for those interested.
* Total degree program cost is $24,000 for a single residential student with room and board in one of our community houses. Payment of $6,000 should be made on Aug. 15 and Jan. 15, and repeated in the second year. Another payment option is $1,150 for 21 continuous months, including the cost of housing (but not board) over the first summer when class is not in session.
* Total degree program cost is $16,000 for a single student without room but some meals. Payment of $4,000 should be made on Aug. 15 and Jan. 15, and repeated in the second year. Another payment option is $765 for 21 continuous months.
* Contact us for other arrangements. Some need-based scholarships may be available.
* Work to have as little debt as possible by enrollment. Either begin saving to meet these expenses or plan to work approximately 20-25 hours per week while a student. Our aim is to have students graduate with no extra debt incurred.
* Stay tuned for books that we will recommend for pre-reading.
* Try to visit Church of All Nations if you live in the Twin Cities area. Consider attending regularly to get to know the seminary leaders and community life ethos.