



OKI-NI-SOO-KA-WA "COME AND SEE"

ABOUT LSJI

Lasallian Social Justice Institute (LSJI) is a formation program based on the Gospel and our Lasallian vocation seeking social justice and service to the poor. LSJI serves to promote the continuing process of conversion to solidarity with persons in poverty and to provide an authentic response to the Gospel and our Lasallian vocation. It is designed to be experiential, educational, creatively practical and reflective. LSJI seeks to help participants draw closer to the world of the poor in order to be evangelized by them.

PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

LSJI embodies the Lasallian commitment to association for the educational service of the poor and the rights of children.

LSJI consists of four integrated components:

- 1 A virtual encounter with the De La Salle Blackfeet School, Little Flower Parish and Blackfeet Reservation community members.
- 2 An examination of the Lasallian tradition and the church teachings on poverty and social justice, as well as sociological and economic commentaries on these issues.
- 3 A community of Lasallians who will pray together and further discern their Lasallian vocation.
- 4 An exploration of their roles in creating programs of social justice as catalysts for influence and change in their local ministries.

Virtual • July 20-22, 2021

The Lasallian Social Justice Institute (LSJI) OKI-NI-SOO-KA-WA (Come and See) Blackfeet Virtual Immersion program will take place from July 20-22 in partnership with the De La Salle Blackfeet School. This summer, LSJI will create awareness of the present reality of the Blackfeet American Indian Tribe, how this reality has been impacted by historical events and how this first step of creating awareness leads us to addressing Indigenous concerns in Browning, Montana. Participants will spend time exploring the struggles of sovereignty, devastation, loss, confrontation and poverty, while also highlighting the presence, hope, solidarity, love and family within the Blackfeet community. Opportunities of LSJI will include virtually engaging with Blackfeet community members who work to preserve traditional culture in the face of historical trauma and obstacles for growth, and learning what our response to these issues should be based on the Lasallian tradition, Church teachings, and historical and sociological commentaries.

PARTICIPANTS

Anyone engaged in ministries within the Lasallian Region of North America is invited to participate in LSJI. Educators who have experience with service immersion opportunities in a Lasallian high school, college/university, San Miguel school or in a child care agency are particularly welcome to participate. Lasallian Youth moderators and service coordinators may also be interested in the program.



2019 LSJI participants explored environmental justice in New Orleans, Louisiana.



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- > COMPLETE THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM
- > ONLINE PAYMENT VIA CREDIT CARD

DEADLINE:

Christian Brothers Conference must receive the online registration form and payment by Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

COST PER PARTICIPANT:

Early registration: \$75.00 (By May 2, 2021)
Regular registration: \$95.00 (By June 1, 2021)

Christian Brothers Conference will grant refunds for registration cancellations received before Friday, June 18, 2021, less a \$25.00 administrative fee and a credit card processing fee. No refunds will be granted after June 18, 2021. Cancellation notices must be in writing and sent to Mari John (mjohn@cbconf.org). Refunds for incorrect or duplicate registrations will be granted, less a \$25.00 administrative fee and a credit card processing fee. All refunds will be in the form of a check. Checks will be mailed within three weeks of receipt of the written request.



2018 LSJI participants gathered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Camden, New Jersey, to explore community responses to urban challenges.

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