



## WELCOME TO LSJI 2022!

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2022 Lasallian Social Justice Institute (LSJI) OKI-NI-SOO-KA-WA (Come and See) Blackfeet Immersion in Browning, Montana, from June 26 – July 2, 2022. Please carefully review the following important information to help you prepare for an outstanding professional and personal formative experience.

### LSJI Program Overview

LSJI is a formation program based on Gospel values and our Lasallian vocation of seeking social justice and service to and with the poor. 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 following topics: sovereignty, devastation, loss, confrontation and highlighting the presence, hope, solidarity, love and family with the community alongside the issues of poverty. Opportunities of LSJI will include engaging with Blackfeet community members who work to preserve traditional culture in the face of historical trauma and obstacles to growth, and learning what our response to these issues should be based on the Lasallian tradition, Church teachings, and historical and sociological commentaries.

### Who Should Attend

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 child care agency are particularly welcome to participate. Lasallian Youth moderators and service coordinators may be interested in the program.

### Registration Fees

\$1,000.00 per person (does not include transportation to/from Montana).

Registration includes accommodations with a shared sleeping space and shared bathrooms; breakfast, lunch, dinner and socials; program materials; and transportation between reservation locations.

### Registration Deadline

Christian Brothers Conference must receive the online registration form and payment by Friday, May 6, 2022. This program will be able to accommodate **20 participants** and will be limited to a **maximum of two participants from each ministry**. When the program is fully subscribed, a form link will be available on the LSJI webpage to begin a waiting list. If any participant spots become available, Christian Brothers Conference will contact participants in order received from the form. If you have questions regarding registration, contact Sarah Laitinen ([slaitinen@cbconf.org](mailto:slaitinen@cbconf.org)) or (202) 529-0047 x109.

### Travel Information

The opening day of LSJI is Sunday, June 26, 2022. Ground transportation will be organized to/from the airports listed below. Please plan to land at one of the airports no later than 12:00 p.m. (MDT) on Sunday, June 26.

LSJI will begin on Sunday, June 26 with registration from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and will conclude on Saturday, July 2. There will be an optional excursion to Glacier National Park on Saturday, July 2 for those interested. Housing accommodations will be available until Sunday, July 3 for those interested.

If you are unable to provide your travel information on your registration form when you register, please send it to Sarah Laitinen by email at [slaitinen@cbconf.org](mailto:slaitinen@cbconf.org) by May 6, 2022, with your arrival and departure dates and times. It is advised to book your airfare soon, as options can be limited and early booking can help keep airfare costs low.

## **Airport Information**

Ground transportation will be provided to/from De La Salle Blackfeet from the following airports: Great Falls International Airport (GTF) – two hours from De La Salle Blackfeet School, Glacier Park International Airport in Kalispell, Montana (GPI) – two hours from De La Salle Blackfeet School, and Helena Regional Airport (HLN) – three hours from De La Salle Blackfeet School.

Please click here to read more about each airport:

- [Great Falls International Airport \(GTF\)](#)
- [Glacier Park International Airport \(GPI\)](#)
- [Helena Regional Airport \(HLN\)](#)

## **Amtrak Information**

De La Salle Blackfeet School is located in Browning, Montana, the nearest town, East Glacier Park (GPK) is serviced by the historic Amtrak Empire Builder. Click [here](#) to explore the train schedules to consider traveling via train to Montana. Ground transportation will also be coordinated to/from De La Salle Blackfeet to the East Glacier Park (GPK) train station.

## **Housing**

Holy Family Mission Community  
350 Joe Show Road East  
Browning, MT 59417

Additional Site Location:  
De La Salle Blackfeet School  
104 First Street NW  
Browning, MT 59417

Check-in: Sunday, June 26, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Checkout: Saturday, July 2 or Sunday, July 3

LSJI participants will be housed in communal housing (shared bedrooms) and shared bathrooms. Bed linens and towels will be provided. Soap, shampoo and other personal amenities will not be included. We encourage you to bring an alarm clock and any other items you may need for your room. The Holy Family Mission is not air-conditioned. A washer/dryer is available on-site.

Please keep noise to a minimum and be respectful of others, especially at night and after socials. Loud noise may disturb others who might be enjoying quiet time or sleeping.

## **What to Pack**

Summer weather in Browning averages daily high temperatures around 91° Fahrenheit and low temperatures of 45° Fahrenheit. Over the course of the week, we will engage in various activities requiring specific dress. OKI-NI-SOO-KA-WA: De La Salle Blackfeet recommends the following packing list: shorts, long pants, dress in layers (no matter the weather), hat to protect face from sun, business casual clothes for meetings, sleeping clothes, laptop, water bottle, bug spray and personal toiletries. Please plan to also bring a jacket, hiking shoes, sunscreen and sunglasses.

## **CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CONFERENCE POLICIES**

### **Travel**

All travel arrangements and costs, including airfare, train and bus are the sole responsibility of the participant. Ground transportation to/from the three airports and Amtrak Station in Montana to/from the LSJI site in Browning, Montana, is included in the registration fee.

### **Photography/Video**

By attending the Lasallian Social Justice Institute and its events, participants understand and agree that their image may be captured by Christian Brothers Conference and may be used without compensation in photographs, videos, motion pictures or any other recordings or other record of this event that contains the image for any purpose, including for future advertising for the program.

### **Registration Cancellation**

No participant is registered until Christian Brothers Conference has received an online registration form and full payment.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:** Christian Brothers Conference will grant refunds for registration cancellations received before Friday, May 13, 2022, less a \$25.00 administrative fee and a credit card processing fee. No refunds will be granted after May 13, 2022. Cancellation notices must be in writing and sent to Mari John ([mjohn@cbconf.org](mailto: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.

### **DE LA SALLE BLACKFEET SCHOOL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

De La Salle Blackfeet School recognizes the importance of keeping our vulnerable community and loved ones safe. As such we will require all participants of LSJI 2022 to be fully vaccinated, which you will certify and attest to as part of your program registration. All participants will be required to administer a rapid test prior to departure and share your negative result upon your arrival to registration, and again administer a rapid test upon arrival in Browning, Montana, following your on-site registration.

Regular COVID-19 symptom screenings will be performed each day to ensure the safety of all involved in the LSJI 2022 program.

### **Questions**

If you have questions regarding this information or any other aspect of LSJI 2022, please contact Sarah Laitinen ([slaitinen@cbconf.org](mailto:slaitinen@cbconf.org)) or (202) 529-0047 x109.