

Information on Getting to Washington Theological Union

Three airports service the DC area:

- DCA – National/Washington Reagan is the closest and easiest access to the Metro.
- BWI – Baltimore Washington International located to the North of DC in Baltimore
- IAD – Dulles International Airport located to the west of D.C. in Northern Virginia and is furthest away from NFCYM and WTU.

Directions are provided from each airport below to get to WTU using the Metro Rail/Bus System. For specific directions based upon your flight arrival time, use the Metro Planner at <http://www.wmata.com/default.cfm>

Using the Metrorail/Bus System to Get to Washington Theological Union

From DCA (Washington Reagan/National) – Allow 30-45 minutes



1. Exit airport and follow signs toward the Metro
2. Purchase a farecard for any amount at one of the machines (I recommend starting with \$10 which will get you there and back and provide for most of the rides we take during NDDI. You can add more as you go).
3. Use your farecard to go through the turnstiles (be sure to collect it before exiting the turnstiles).
4. As you go up the escalator to the tracks, wait for the train on the right side of the platform - the **YELLOW/GREEN** line toward Ft. Totten.
5. At Ft. Totten, exit the train and go up the escalators and catch the **RED** line toward Silver Spring/Glenmont.
6. Get off at the next stop, **Takoma Station** and use your farecard to exit (be sure to get it back!)
7. Walk up the hill (east) two blocks on Carroll St toward Eastern. Bear right at the stone church then walk one block to Laurel. WTU is at the corner of Eastern and Laurel.

From BWI (Baltimore Washington International) – allow 60-90 minutes

1. Exit airport toward baggage claim on lower level. There are two bus stops to catch the Regional Bus, one at either end of the airport. Southwest and Delta should use the first stop (the left end of the airport as you are exiting the airport). All other flights should use the right side exit, located at door #3 (near the International Travel exit). Whatever stop you choose, look for the signs that lead you to the “Regional Bus”.
2. Exit the door indicated for the Regional Bus and wait at the covered bus stop for the **30B Express** bus, which departs every 40 minutes. Cost is \$6 and exact change is required – no change is given back.
3. The **Metro Bus (30B)** will let you off at the **Greenbelt** Metro stop.
4. Purchase a farecard for any amount at one of the machines (I recommend starting with \$10 which will get you there and back and provide for most of the rides we take during NDDI. You can add more as you go).
5. Use your farecard to go through the turnstiles (be sure to collect it before exiting the turnstiles).



Directions from BWI (continued)

6. You are at the beginning of the **GREEN** line so get on the next train that comes (they are all headed for Branch Ave.)
7. Exit at **Fort Totten** and board the **RED** line going toward **Glenmont or Silver Springs**.
8. Get off at the next stop which is **Takoma Station** and use your farecard to exit (be sure to get it back!)
9. Walk up the hill (East) two blocks on Carroll St toward Eastern. Bear right at the stone church then walk one block to Laurel. WTU is at the corner of Eastern and Laurel.

Alternative BWI to DC Route: MARC Trains

1. MARC trains are an inexpensive regional train that run Monday-Friday only and most do not operate on holidays so be sure to check the info boards at BWI near baggage claim to see if you will be able to use this option. You can check train schedules at: <http://mta.maryland.gov/services/marc/schedulesSystemMaps/penn.cfm> (you will be using the Penn Line).
2. At baggage claim, look for a door that says MARC/Amtrak shuttles and wait at the designated area at the first curb for the next shuttle (note that several different shuttles stop so be sure it says MARC on it. It usually takes about 10-15 minutes to catch a shuttle and get to the station so plan your time accordingly).
3. Take the free shuttle bus from BWI to the MARC train station and purchase your ticket in the office (\$6 each way) for the next train heading to Union Station. Amtrak trains are much more expensive so be sure to ask for the MARC train.
4. Once at Union Station, follow the instructions at the bottom of this document for those taking trains into DC.

From IAD (Dulles) – allow 90 minutes

1. Exit airport and walk across the first roadway to curb 2E where the Metro Buses stop. Get on **Metro Bus 5A** (it's an express bus that departs every 60 minutes). Cost is \$6 and exact change is required – no change is given back).



- Optional Transportation:* If the Metro bus has just left and you don't want to wait another hour, the **Washington Flyer** is a motorcoach that departs every 30 minutes (at :15 and :45 of each hour) and costs \$10 one way/ \$18 roundtrip. It will take you to the **West Falls Church Metro** stop where you will follow the same directions as below (you are just a little further away than the Rosslyn Station). Tickets for the Washington Flyer Coach can be purchased at the ticket counter located inside the vestibule of Door 4 located on the Arrivals/Baggage Claim Level. You can board the bus at Dulles from the Main Terminal at Door 4 located on the Arrival Level
2. The **Metro Bus (5A)** will let you off at the **Rosslyn Metro Stop**. Purchase a farecard for any amount at one of the machines (I recommend starting with \$10 which will get you to most places during NDDI. You can add more as you go).
 3. Use your farecard to go through the turnstiles (be sure to collect it before exiting the turnstiles).
 4. Descend the loooooong escalator and walk straight ahead toward the platform. Get on either the **ORANGE** train headed for **New Carrollton** or the **BLUE** train headed for **Largo Town Center**. They both are going to your stop so it does not matter which one.
 5. Exit at **Metro Center** and go up the escalators and board the **RED** line going toward **Glenmont or Silver Springs**.
 6. Get off at the **Takoma Station** and use your farecard to exit (be sure to get it back!)
 7. Walk up the hill (East) two blocks on Carroll St toward Eastern. Bear right at the stone church then walk one block to Laurel. WTU is at the corner of Eastern and Laurel.

From Union Station (Amtrak and MARC Trains)



1. Exit the train and follow signs toward the Metro
2. Purchase a farecard for any amount at one of the machines (I recommend starting with \$5 which will get you there and back. You can add more as you go).
3. Use your farecard to go through the turnstiles (be sure to collect it before exiting the turnstiles).
4. Take the **RED** line going toward **Glenmont or Silver Springs**.
6. Get off at the **Takoma Station** and use your farecard to exit (be sure to get it back!)
7. Walk up the hill (east) two blocks on Carroll St toward Eastern. Bear right at the stone church then walk one block to Laurel. WTU is at the corner of Eastern and Laurel.