

WHAT TO EXPECT

Here is a sample of what a day might look like while you are at the conference...

Singing & Conversation with your table group in the General Meeting
Theme exploration through music, drama, story, art and play.
Time with the Conference President, President Elect and new ministers
Creating & leading a worship experience
Games, snacks and a movie
Sleeping bag stories...

The *Children at Conference* program provides an opportunity for up to thirty children, ages 8-12, from across the Conference, to gather and participate in the worship and work of the Annual Meeting of the B. C. Conference of The United Church.

- ◆ Children will explore this year's theme "How Big is Our Tent?" through story, drama, art, games, and reflection.
- ◆ They will join with the total gathering of Conference from time to time to take part in the tasks being worked on, and to participate in and offer leadership in worship.
- ◆ Children at Conference will be a Residential Program this year – children in the program will stay overnight at Place Vanier in UBC. Leaders will also be staying overnight as supervisors.
* Parents attending the Conference may choose to have their children stay with them.
- ◆ There will be a \$100 program fee to cover the cost of this being a residential program. There will be a \$20 fee for those who choose not to stay overnight.
- ◆ We are unable to provide funding for travel expenses for the children.
- ◆ We ask that congregations and presbyteries help support children in attending, by help with the registration fee, travel expenses and encouraging children to apply.
- ◆ All children must be accompanied by an adult delegate (either a parent or a sponsor) who is prepared to take overall responsibility for the child during the Conference.
- ◆ We encourage Congregations, Presbyteries and Leaders to distribute information about registration to those children in your congregation who are 8-12 years.

If we receive more than thirty registrations consideration will be given first to children who have not yet attended a General Meeting.

CHILDREN AT CONFERENCE

@ THE GENERAL MEETING OF BC Conference
The United Church of Canada
Thursday, May 25 to Sunday May 28. 2017
UBC, Vancouver, BC



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Registration form Children at Conference Program

Child's Name _____ Age _____
Parent(s) Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____
Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____
Child's email _____ Parent email _____
Congregation _____

In case of Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____
Phone _____

Medical Number: _____
Special Needs (please be specific) Medical / Physical / Life Situations

Dietary Needs (food allergies/ specific diet needs)

I have enclosed \$100 or \$20 (if not staying in residence) payment for Children at Conference
____ Cash or Cheque—Cheque to be made out to 'BC Conference'
____ Visa or Master Card # _____ - _____ expiry

My presbytery will be paying my registration fee

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT: I agree to participate to the best of my ability.

Signature _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT: The undersigned parent or guardian does hereby consent to my/our child attending The United Church of Canada, BC Conference Annual Meeting at UBC, Vancouver, BC, May 25-28.2017, and by these hereby release and discharge the sponsors of the said programme for any injury to the person or property to my/our child during their participation therein. I/we also give permission for any medical treatment necessary during event.

Dated at: _____ BC this ____ Day of _____, 2017.
Parent/Guardian signature _____

PHOTO CONSENT: The leaders of this event HAVE / DO NOT HAVE (please circle one) my permission to publish photo(s) of my child for publication and I understand that my child's name will not be published.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

The adult responsible for the child during this Conference will be:

Parent Sponsor Sponsor

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

PLEASE HAVE THE CHILD'S SPONSOR read and sign the following:

I, **adult** sponsor of _____, at the General Meeting of B.C. Conference of the United Church, at UBC, Vancouver, BC, will assume overall responsibility for this child.

This will involve seeing that the child gets to the Conference and is registered.

I will accompany the child to thier meeting area, to meet the leaders of the Children at Conference program.

I will have daily contact with the child in a planned setting or an informal setting in his/her meeting room.

I will assume responsibility for returning the child to his/her home following the Conference.

Sponsor's signature _____

Date _____

Applications must be received by Monday, May 1, 2017

By Mail:

Attention: Mary Nichol, Children at Conference

C/O Cloverdale United Church

17575 58A Avenue, Surrey BC V3S 1N1

Scan and Email:

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If you have any questions please call

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