

## THE BACK PAGE RECAP:

Each presbytery in BC Conference may send 2 voting youth delegates to the General Meeting. Each Presbytery may create their own process for choosing youth delegates.

Youth at Conference is for youth between the ages of 13 and 18 who have a keen interest in all things United Church and want to learn and be part of the General Meeting of Conference.

Youth at Conference is a community where all are honored, where faith and life are lived out, and where the spirit of God calls us to do amazing things.

Youth at Conference is a place of welcome where all youth, regardless of who they are, are welcomed into a community of faith and learning.

Youth at Conference is an intense experience of long days where the work of the Church can be seen and lived out. It's not for everyone and requires a certain level of interest and desire to learn more about how the church works. You will have fun and you will be challenged to take seriously your role representing all the Youth of your Presbytery. We will agree to give ourselves and our attention fully to this experience.

You will be contacted by our travel coordinator and a list of what to bring will be mailed to you once you have registered.

Youth at Conference has been and continues to be a vital and valuable experience for youth themselves and for other delegates at the general meeting. We strive to be a presence of energy and joy in the midst of the meeting.

# YOUTH AT CONFERENCE

@ The general meeting of BC Conference

The United Church of Canada

information and application package for presbyteries and youth

Wednesday, May 24 to Sunday, May 28.2017

UBC, Vancouver, BC



**20 youth    5 leaders    5 great days**

Come learn about the united church of canada, discover your voice in church decision-making, represent youth from your region of the conference, and nurture yourself with practices of faith, community, enthusiasm, and friendship.

**for youth ages 13-18**

2 youth will be chosen from each presbytery to attend!

## Registration Form for Voting Youth Delegates:

### WHAT IS YOUTH AT CONFERENCE?

Youth at Conference works to include a youth presence in the work of the General Meeting of BC Conference. The goals are:

- To provide youth attending conference with access to the skills, resources, information, and people which will enable them to participate fully in the Conference General Meeting as voting delegates
- To provide an opportunity for youth to build community and networks with one another from across BC Conference
- To be a presence of energy, passion and creativity for the annual meeting.

Each Presbytery is invited to choose **2** youth to attend youth at conference and to appoint them as Voting Delegates. There will be a charge of \$100 per youth to offset some of the additional costs of overnight accommodation while meeting at UBC. Our hope is that each presbytery will be able to provide funding for the 2 youth from their presbytery to attend. The travel costs of each voting delegate will be covered by the budget for the General Meeting.

**THE PLAN:** The Youth at Conference Programme begins one day earlier than the rest of the General Meeting, Wednesday, May 24th at 6 pm at UBC. Once youth have registered both online and with the registration form attached, all their travel arrangements will be organized by the Conference Office (we will be in touch). It is important to know that being chosen to be a part of this event requires that participants are committing to being a part of the entire event. It is not possible for youth delegates to arrive late or leave early. Once the general meeting begins on Thursday, May 25th all Youth will be integrated into the regular meeting of BC Conference, participating as regular delegates and sitting at table groups. There may be times during the business that the youth delegates will have other responsibilities within their own programme and as such, may leave for short periods of time. We will be staying at the dorm accommodation at UBC. We will return there each night for programme and community.

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A PRESBYTERY:** Each presbytery in BC Conference is responsible for choosing 2 youth (ages 13-18) to attend. Each presbytery has a different way of choosing youth to come. Some will simply choose their youth reps and others will open up a process for youth to apply to attend. It is required that each presbytery go through some kind of process and have 2 voting delegates attend on behalf of all the youth in their presbytery. It's the presbyteries job to appoint these Youth as voting delegates. Please pass this information on to your presbytery youth worker, coordinator, Youth Committee, or other body that will be handling the selection process. It is hoped that each presbytery will pay the \$100 accommodation fee for both of their voting youth delegates. If this is a hardship please let us know and we'll see how we can help.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A YOUTH AND YOU'VE BEEN CHOSEN:

- Please register online at [www.bc.united-church.ca](http://www.bc.united-church.ca). During the registration process you will be directed to this form, or you are welcome to fill out this one and mail, email, or fax it in to the BC Conference Office (numbers are on the form)
- Once we receive your registration forms, we will be contacting you directly to arrange your travel
- Cost for youth at Conference is \$100 per youth. Either include a cheque made out to BC Conference, pay online by credit card, or have your Presbytery submit payment on your behalf.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR YOUTH AT CONFERENCE IS: MAY 1, 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your cell number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's cell number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation/Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency notify (name and number) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (be specific) Medical/Physical: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Needs (food allergies/vegetarian): \_\_\_\_\_

- I have enclosed \$100 payment for registration for Youth at Conference  
rcash or cheque  
rvisa/mastercard: \_\_\_\_\_  
(number and expiry)
- My presbytery will be paying my registration fee

**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT:** I agree to participate for the benefit of myself and others. I agree to abide by all Conference rules, including no sexualized behaviour, use of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs. By signing here I give permission for my photo to be used in reporting and advertising purposes for future events (my name will not be associated with the photo).

\_\_\_\_\_  
participant signature \_\_\_\_\_  
date

**PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT:** Although you may be assured that every effort will be made to maintain safety, we require the signing of this form as a precaution to any emergency. This form must be signed by the parent or guardian of every applicant under the age of 19, and by the applicant themselves if they are 19 years or over.

The undersigned parent or guardian does hereby consent to my/our son or daughter attending The United Church of Canada, BC Conference Annual Meeting at Whistler, BC, May 27-31, 2015 and by these presents does hereby release and discharge the sponsors of the said programme for any injury to person or property to my/our son or daughter during his or her participation therein. I/we also give permission for any medical treatment necessary during the event.

Dated at: \_\_\_\_\_, BC this \_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

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Parent/Guardian signature (or applicant if over 19)

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO: YOUTH AT CONFERENCE,  
4383 RUMBLE ST. BURNABY, BC V5J 2A2  
or fax it to: 604 431 0439 or email: [yayaassistant@bc.united-church.ca](mailto:yayaassistant@bc.united-church.ca)  
If you have any questions please call 604 431 0434 or 1 800 934 0434 ext. 306