

From Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry

Information on the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium: Here's My Heart

Please read carefully and pass on to those who might be interested.

The 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium (PYT) will be held July 16-20, though our group will meet the evening of July 15. Below you will find registration information related to this event.

The presbytery delegation will be traveling by **49-passenger coach bus**; thus we can take up to 49 people, including adults and work crew. **Participants will be registered in the order in which their registration forms are received until the bus is full.**

There are **three groups of participants** for this event, and with each one, I have included what they need to do to register/apply to attend the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Items in bold are included in this packet. (Please forward this packet to those in each category.)

1) **Youth** who are currently in grades 8-12 and involved in the life of a particular church in the presbytery. Please share the **youth registration form, Triennium information flyer, and community guidelines** with youth in your congregation. Each youth who wants to attend Triennium needs to complete the form, including a parent's signature and church leadership's endorsement, and return it, along with a \$225 deposit, to the Presbytery office by Thursday, March 28, 2019. Once this is received, each participant and parent will need to complete an online form.

While this event is open to all youth who are active in the life of one of the congregations of our presbytery, I have also enclosed **suggestions for identifying potential youth participants within your congregation.**

2) **Adult Advisors** who are at least 25 years of age on July 1, 2019, and are involved in the life of a particular church in the presbytery and willing to care for, supervise and assume responsibility for youth in our delegation. The presbytery, through its Nurture Committee, will cover the cost for adults. If you have adults who are interested in going, please have them contact me as soon as possible. Adults must submit to and pass a reference and background check and agree to abide by the **community guidelines**; please share them and the **information flyer** with interested adults. If there are more adults interested than the required number of adults, they will still be able to attend, but at their own or the church's cost. **Every church that sends youth will NOT be able to send an adult advisor for whom the presbytery covers the cost.**

3) **Work Crew** who are young adults ages 19-22 on July 16, 2019, who wish to serve others as they help staff, leadership and participants with a variety of tasks. These spaces are *very limited*. Please encourage



any young adults who might be interested in serving on the Triennium Work Crew to complete the [Work Crew Application](#).

To help you publicize this event and to help generate enthusiasm among your folks, copies of the DVD from the 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium are available. If you would like one, please contact Susan Sharp Campbell at susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com or 304-645-4568.

The website for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium is presbyterianyouthtriennium.org. You will find information on the event schedule and leadership there.

If you have questions about the registration process or the event, contact Susan Sharp Campbell.

Please help your youth and adults adhere to youth registration and adult application deadlines, noting that **all deadlines are received by dates, not postmarked by dates**. Failure to have stuff in on time may result in participants not being able to attend.

Included in this packet are the following documents to be forwarded and/or printed to share with the appropriate participant groups:

- Information flyer to post in visible place for youth, parents, grandparents
- Youth registration form
- Suggestions for identifying potential youth for pastor/educator/session
- Community guidelines



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2019
July 16-20, 2019 · Purdue University

WHO: YOUTH WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN GRADES 8-12
AND
ADULT ADVISORS

(Adults who are at least 25 years old and interested in being advisors should contact Susan Sharp Campbell.)

WHERE: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

WHEN: Tuesday, July 16th- Saturday July 20th, 2016

(We will gather **Monday evening, July 15**, for community building and an early departure. This is a **mandatory** gathering for all participants.)

THEME: *"Here's My Heart"*

COST: The cost per youth is \$450.

This **cost**, which is supplemented by the Rachel McClintic funds, **includes housing, meals, t-shirts, program costs and transportation.** Churches are encouraged to assist with the registration costs.



Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 28, 2019

Information and registration forms were emailed to church leaders at the end of October and can be found at www.wvpresbytery.org.

The Presbytery's Registrar for this event is Susan Sharp Campbell.
Please contact her with questions at susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com or 304-645-4568.

More information on this event can be found at presbyterianyouthtriennium.org.

YOUTH REGISTRATION FOR 2019 PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM

Please:

1. Use a **BLACK PEN** and write **LEGIBLY**.
2. Complete the following form on both sides (you will need a church leader and parent to sign it), and return it to Susan Sharp Campbell, c/o Presbytery of West Virginia, 520 Second Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303, no later than **Thursday, March 28, 2019**.
3. With the registration form, send your non-refundable deposit of \$225 (Note: The balance of \$225 is due by **Wednesday, May 1, 2019**. Anyone registering is expected to pay the balance if they are unable to attend unless their spot can be filled by another youth of the same gender.
4. When you receive log-in information, fill out a Participant Release Form on the PYT website. As you complete the information below, please use a **black pen** and make sure that all information is **LEGIBLE**, particularly email addresses.

I. Name _____

Name on Badge, if different _____

Full Address _____

Phone (H) _____ (O) _____ (C) _____

E-mail: _____

Church/City _____ t-shirt size _____

Male _____ Female _____ Other _____ Birthdate _____

Parent Name _____

Parent phone _____; email _____

In the space below, please identify any special needs (food, allergies, meds, disabilities):

I have read the Triennium “Community Guidelines” and agree to abide by them, and I agree to be present for the orientation session and overnight at First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, on Monday, July 15, prior to leaving for Triennium early on Tuesday, July 16.

Signed _____

(over)

II. Church Endorsement (to be signed by Pastor, Educator, CRE or Clerk of Session - this person should NOT be related to the participant):

_____ (name of youth) is an active participant in
_____ Presbyterian Church in _____ (town) and I
endorse him/her as a member of the Presbytery of West Virginia's Delegation to the 2019
Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

Signed _____

Print Name _____ Position _____

III. Parental Acknowledgement

I support my son/daughter _____ as a youth
participant to the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium and, as part of my support, promise
to pay fees in full, assist him/her in traveling to Charleston on July 15, and encourage
his/her full participation in this event. I understand that in the event my son or daughter
withdraws from this event after **March 28, 2019**, I am responsible for full payment unless
her/his place can be filled by another youth of the same gender. In the event that she/he
fails to live up to the Triennium Community Guidelines and is asked to leave the event, I
will be responsible for his/her transportation home and any costs associated with it.

Signed _____

Name _____

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for office use only

Date registration received _____ Deposit received: yes or no

Date balance received _____

2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium
SUGGESTIONS FOR CHURCHES FOR IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL YOUTH
PARTICIPANTS

Youth nominated to attend the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium as a part of the Presbytery of West Virginia Delegation should:

1. Be a Christ-like model.
2. Be in grades 8-12 during the 2018-2019 school year.
3. Be a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* in the Presbytery of West Virginia and a good representative of your church in the larger church.
4. Be an active participant in his/her local congregation.
5. Be willing to participate fully in the total program and activities of the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium and encourage full participation by others.
6. Be able to live in a large community of 4,000-5,000 while at Triennium and in our Presbytery delegation.
7. Be able to travel by bus with the Presbytery of WV delegation to and from the event, July 16-20, 2019.
8. Participate fully in the overnight orientation event on July 18, 2019, in Charleston.
9. Be willing to live with and within the "PYT Community Guidelines" of the Triennium.
10. Cooperate fully with the adult leaders of the presbytery delegation.
11. Have a commitment to the program and mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*
12. Be willing to share their experiences within their congregations and the presbytery.

* If your church and/or youth group includes young people from other denominations and you are comfortable with them going as a representative of your congregation, they are welcome to attend as well.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

This week we will be living together, youth and adults, in Christian community. Christian community is based on love, respect, trust, and support. Each of us as a member of the community is important. By signing the Triennium Covenant, we promise to abide by the following guidelines for the life of this community.

1. Respect the rules and property of Purdue University.
2. Refrain from the use of alcohol and other illegal drugs during the Triennium.
3. Refrain from smoking in residence halls and prohibited areas of other campus buildings.
4. Refrain from sexual behavior including sexual intercourse or other inappropriate sexual activities (to the spirit of the Triennium) with a partner other than your spouse.
5. Participate in **all** scheduled Triennium activities and honor all meeting times.
6. Wear name badges and wristbands at all times.
7. Meet daily with my assigned residence hall covenant group.
8. Follow the curfew rules as they are communicated in the schedule or by community announcements.
9. Sleep in my assigned room so that I may be reached in case of an emergency.
10. Play audio equipment with the consideration of others in mind.
11. Covenant to NOT traveling off the university campus unless accompanied by an adult and only during official “free” hours.
12. Understand that weapons of any type are prohibited on campus, at the airport, or in transit to and from the event.
13. Refrain from using cell phones and headphones (or other digital devices) in any scheduled event (worship, small group, covenant group) and covenant to silence cell phones during scheduled events unless invited otherwise by the leader.
15. Covenant to FIRST contact assigned Adult Advisors or PYT Community life staff in the event of an illness or injury.
16. Covenant to demonstrate the depth and width of Christ’s love and mercy to my fellow Triennium participants; listening with interest, behaving kindly toward others, casting aside judgment, sharing my thoughts and faith and working to be compassionate and full of grace.
17. Using “downtime” to sleep, rest, reflect on the day’s events and my relationship with others, with the church and with God.
18. Worship with the posture of eagerness, awareness and listening; listening for the Spirit’s movement and seeking to understand how God’s word as spoken and proclaimed at the Triennium might connect with me and my life.
19. Understand that someone (participant or leader) might speak from their own personal experience - share an opinion or example with which I might not agree but that I can hear and consider or compare to my own thoughts and experience. To listen to differing opinions/experiences with a sense of humility and courtesy.

In a community based on Christian love, respect, trust, and support, each Triennium participant is responsible for their own actions. However, if any member of the community continually demonstrates a lack of love, respect, trust, and support for themselves, others, or the property of the community, then they may be sent home at the sole discretion of the Triennium leadership and at their own expense or the expense of their parent or guardian if they are a minor.