

OLDER YOUTH RETREAT (9-12 grades)
November 15-17, 2019
IMPORTANT RETREAT INFORMATION

PLEASE READ the information here and SHARE all of the information with youth and those who work with youth in your congregation. You will find a description of the retreat's focus and presenter on the enclosed brochure.

Registration and Cost

- **Registrations must be received in the Presbytery Office no later than Monday, November 4.** Use the enclosed "Church Registration Form" to register youth, even if you just have one youth.
- The cost per person (youth and adults) is **\$75**, due prior to the retreat. In the event registration fees are not received in advance or other arrangements made, there will be a \$10 late fee per participant. Refunds are available for cancellations made prior to noon Thursday, November 14.

Responsible Adults

- Each church must register a responsible adult with their youth.
- There must be 1 responsible adult for each 1-7 youth. If your group includes both males and females, you are asked to have at least one male and one female adult.
- If your church has two or less planning to attend and no willing adult, you will need to make arrangements with another group for a responsible adult who has agreed in advance to be responsible for additional youth.
- Responsible adults must be at least 23 years of age.
- **Each adult attending the retreat must fill out a Reference Check form and Background Check Consent Form (a master copy is enclosed in this packet). These must be returned to the presbytery office with the church registration form no later than Monday, November 11. This enables us to do the necessary background checks prior to the retreat. Please ask your adults to read the Presbytery's Child Protection Policy (enclosed) in advance of the retreat. Training will take place at the retreat.**

Special Needs

If you have youth with special needs, please contact Susan Sharp Campbell to consider ways that we might be able to accommodate and include them.

Mission Project

Our Mission Project this year is **Socks and Hats**, which will be shared with schools across the presbytery. **Each participant** is asked to bring socks (for elementary age or youth, girls and/or boys) and/or winter hats.

Covenant

It is very important that your youth and their parents read and understand the covenant. The covenant enables us to live together in community. We suggest that you discuss this covenant with your group before registering and, perhaps, as you travel to the

retreat. Infractions are cause for disciplinary action that may include contacting parents to pick their youth up.

Medical Forms

Medical forms for all participants should be filled out in advance and brought to the retreat, NOT mailed in. Please note that there is a separate form for youth and adults. Youth forms require the signature of a parent. Please do not assume that we have past forms on file. (They are shredded after the retreat.)