

## THE BACK PAGE RECAP:

✦ Each presbytery in BC Conference may send 4 youth delegates to the General Meeting.

♥ Each Presbytery may choose their own process for choosing youth delegates.

Each Presbytery decides whether those youth are voting or non-voting delegates.

✦ Voting Youth delegates have their travel paid for, non-voting youth delegates need to have their presbytery cover their travel costs.

♥ Youth at Conference may be between the ages of 13 and 19

✦ Youth at Conference begins at 5pm on May 21 and ends at 12 noon on May 25 and all youth delegates must attend the full session and participate fully in the programme

♥ Youth at Conference will be staying overnight at Mt. Seymour United Church in North Vancouver, BC

✦ There is no registration fee for youth at conference

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

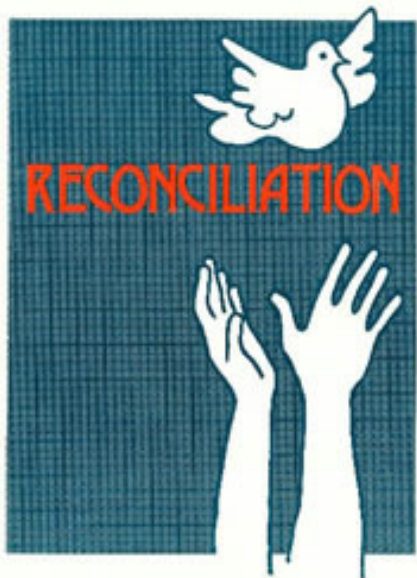
♥ Youth at Conference is a place of welcome where all youth regardless of who they are are welcomed into a community of faith and learning.

✦ 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 are gathered to be a part of the body of The United Church of Canada. We will agree to give ourselves and our attention fully to this experience.

♥ Travel info and a list of what to bring will be mailed out 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.

♥ Register online at [www.bc.united-church.ca](http://www.bc.united-church.ca) and send in or fax in the permission slip on the other side of this page.



# YOUTH AT CONFERENCE

BC Conference - The United Church of Canada  
information and application package  
for presbyteries and youth

May 21-25/2008

Mt. Seymour United Church and Capilano College,  
North Vancouver, BC



**40 youth   8 leaders   5 great days**

Come learn about how the church works, how you can have a voice in the United Church, experience a time of community with youth and leaders from all over BC, nurture yourself with practices of faith, sabbath and reconciliation!

The theme of Conference 2008 is reconciliation and Youth at Conference will be contributing to the theme by hosting a "Sustainability Fayre" where we'll practice and share how to be in reconciliation with the Earth and have fun with the hundreds of delegates to Conference!

# YOUTH AT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

May 21-25/2008 Mt. Seymour United Church and Capilano College

**WHAT IS YOUTH AT CONFERENCE?** Youth at Conference works to include a youth presence and voice into the life and 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 and non-voting delegates
- To provide an opportunity for youth to build community and networks with each other from across BC Conference
- To provide ongoing support during conference for youth attending the meeting
- To be a presence of energy, passion and creativity for the annual meeting

**THE PLAN:** The Youth at Conference Programme begins one day earlier than the rest of the General Meeting, on Wednesday, May 21st at 5 pm at Mt. Seymour United Church. Once youth have registered 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 from it's start until it concludes. It is not possible for youth delegates to arrive late or leave early. Once the general meeting begins on Thursday, May 22nd 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 may leave for short periods of time. We will be sleeping and meeting at Mt. Seymour United Church and 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 4 youth (ages 13-19) to attend. Each presbytery has a different way of choosing youth to come. Some will 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 4 people attend on behalf of all the youth in their presbytery. The presbytery is also responsible for allocating voting or non-voting status to the youth they choose. The request is that at least 2 out of 4 of your delegates have voting status. If the presbytery gives your youth delegates voting status they are considered a regular delegate to conference and their transportation to the event will be covered. If they are sent as a non-voting youth delegate the presbytery is responsible to cover their travel costs. Please pass this information on to your presbytery youth worker or coordinator, Youth Committee or other body that relates to youth to coordinate.

## 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).

Either download the youth registration form from the website or fill in the one attached and mail or fax it in to the BC Conference Office, numbers are on the form. [www.bc.united-church.ca](http://www.bc.united-church.ca)

Once we receive your registration forms we will be contacting you directly to arrange your travel

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR YOUTH AT CONFERENCE IS: MAY 7/2008

## Registration Form for Youth Delegates to Youth at Conference Programme:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Check one:  voting delegate  non voting participant

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

**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 Capilano College, North Vancouver, BC, May 21-25/2008 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

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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: [dkizinna@bc.united-church.ca](mailto:dkizinna@bc.united-church.ca)

If you have any questions please call 604 431 0434 or 1 800 934 0434 ext. 303