



December 10, 2018

Dear Pastor, Elder, or Youth Leader:

2019 is a Triennium year! We are gearing up to get a delegation from Riverside signed up. Our deadlines are quickly approaching (see below) so you need to have a meeting with your youth and their parents soon so you can alert them to the deadlines and begin to plan to fundraise for the trip.

Here is your complete packet of materials for parents. Read the letter to Parents through carefully. It has costs, dates and all the information you need to communicate to them. The information sheet is for you to use during your meeting. **DON'T** hand it out, it will only confuse them. PLEASE also get me your youth leader name and contact info.

I am the registrar for our delegation who will be signing up all our students and leaders with the PYT website. **All materials and checks need to be sent to me.**

Here are the immediate dates you need to know:

Jan. 10, 2019 I need names of the students who are going from your church for a rough count to give to PYT. PLEASE also get me your youth leader name and contact info.

Jan. 18, 2019 \$100 deposit check, registration form, essay questions, **due to me.** They must also read and **SIGN the community guidelines. Medical form this year is ONLINE** https://triennium-medical.pcusa.org/participant_information/

Once we get a count on how many are going, we can figure out additional payment dates and our meet/greet events.

If you have any questions, call me 858-945-5181. I am here to help.

Erin Thomas

Rev. Erin Thomas
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WE WILL BE TRAVELING AS THE RIVERSIDE DELEGATION



2019 PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM INFORMATION SHEET

Get Ready for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium - a gathering held every three years for high school age students in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Youth from all churches (across the sponsoring denominations) come together for this life changing, life giving, faith growing gathering! Five days that help form a younger generation of active Presbyterians. Five days that shape the leadership gifts and deepen the discipleship awareness for a generation who are already achieving a strong presence in this church and this world!

Find out more about registration, event plans and travel information from the Triennium website at www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org.

EVENT ESSENTIALS

- Date:** Tuesday, July 16th - Saturday, July 20th, 2019
- Location:** Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- Audience:** High School Age youth and accompanying adult advisors
(Entering freshmen through graduated seniors; adult advisors must be 21yrs+)
- Theme:** "Here's My Heart"
- Registration Date:** Registration will open in late 2018 and conclude to May 2019
- Registration Fee:** Youth: \$555.00 / 18yrs & Older: \$575.00
(Registration fee includes all programming, food & lodging. Everything but travel to the event)
- Website:** www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org

Delegations: All participants attend the Triennium as a member of a delegation. A delegation can be a PRESBYTERY based delegation or a CHURCH based delegation. Most participants come with their Presbytery in a PRESBYTERY DELEGATION. But churches are also welcome to send a delegation. For more information about delegations and registration, visit the Triennium website and click on REGISTRATION. Or, contact the National Triennium Registrar: 502-569-5208 or molly.atkinson@pcusa.org.

"Here's my heart."

Our young people are saying to us, to the church, to the world!

"Here's My heart!"

God says right back to us!

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019
A classic melody for a new generation's voice!
www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org





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Dear Youth Parent(s):

The 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium is coming next summer
Tuesday, July 15 – Saturday, July 20, 2019!

If you don't know, the Triennium is a tri-annual gathering at Purdue University of over 6,000 youth and adults from across the country and around the world. Since 1980, the Presbyterian Youth Triennium (PYT) has been a gathering place for Presbyterian youth to engage in intense worship, singing, Bible study, games and crazy activities, all in the name of Jesus Christ. The theme for 2019 is "Here's My Heart" – from the hymn "Come Thou Fount" where the line *Here's my heart, O take and seal it* speaks of total devotion to Christ.

From the PYT website:

Drawing from the words of the hymn, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, "Here's My Heart" expresses our deepest desire to be part of something bigger and more beautiful than the tiny flicker of our own candles. It speaks of passion and identity. It speaks of purpose and action.

We are including a Presbytery Registration Form and application. The deadline for the Presbytery of Riverside registration form and a signature from your pastor or youth leader to be at the registrar is **JANUARY 18, 2019**. Please have your student read and sign the Community Guidelines sheet.

All registration materials must be postmarked by that date, NO late registrations will be accepted. In order to get the best prices on travel, as well as organizing our adult advisory team, we must ask that this date be respected. The first delegations to register with PCUSA get the air-conditioned dorms so we must have your registration in to us by January 18.

In order to be included in the Presbytery's delegation to 2019 PYT your student must:

- be entering 9th grade or just graduated from high school as of July 16, 2019
(it is no longer based on age);
- submit an application with questions answered by January 18, 2019.
- send a non-refundable \$100 deposit check with registration, payable to "Presbytery of Riverside" to Pastor Erin Thomas, Calvary Presbyterian 4495 Magnolia, Riverside 92501
- be an active participant in your local Presbyterian church within the Presbytery of Riverside;
- be willing to participate in delegation events leading up to Triennium **and** share your experience in person or by letter with the Presbytery of Riverside after you return from Triennium.

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Triennium Info Packet

COST: The 2019 Triennium registration cost is \$555 per student, plus travel costs and incidentals, which we are estimating at \$1,300 total per student (includes airfare, bus transportation, travel meals and extra night in dorm (July 15) before Triennium starts). Each participant and their church are asked to assist with costs. Presbytery can offset costs by up to \$350 for each student depending on the final number of students participating. We are applying for a travel grant and church youth groups are expected to fundraise.

Once registrations are received and the delegation has been determined, meeting dates and due dates for additional payments will be sent out.

If you have any questions about registration, please feel free to contact Pastor Erin.

We are excited about the 2019 Triennium and your youth being a part of it! Let's get started!

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Rev. Bill Stanley, Carol Stanley, and Rev. Scott Mason will be traveling with us as a PYT Care Team or Small Group Leader.

Enc: PYT Registration form, Essay Questions, 2019 Schedule, Community Guidelines

Medical form is ONLINE https://triennium-medical.pcusa.org/participant_information/

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BY JANUARY 18, 2019 (or sooner)

fill out your medical form ONLINE https://triennium-medical.pcusa.org/participant_information/

send your registration form, essay questions,
and a **non-refundable \$100 deposit check** payable to "Presbytery of Riverside" to:
Pastor Erin Thomas, Calvary Presbyterian, 4495 Magnolia Ave., Riverside 92501

PLEASE put your student's name in the memo line of your \$100 deposit check.
That will help us track payments.



PYT Participant Information Form

Participants should complete this form, review the Community Life Guidelines, and mail to registrar.

Delegation Name (Presbytery Name): _____

Participant Name: Last _____ First _____
Middle _____ (Middle not used on name badge)

Name to appear on Name Badge: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Identity: M or F or _____

Check one – Participant Role: Adult Advisor ____, Youth __, Work Crew ____, Sm Grp ____

Ethnicity (for statistical purposes):

____ African American ____ Asian ____ Caucasian ____ Hispanic ____ Native
American ____ Other: _____

Participant Cell Phone #: _____ Email _____

Participant Home Address: _____

Preferred Roommate: _____ participant preference

Assigned Roommate: _____ assigned by registrar

PYT Choir Participation:

If you would like to participate in the Triennium choir check one:

Soprano: _____ Alto: ____, Tenor _____, Bass _____

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL 4X

Special Needs: (Please Check All that Apply)

____ Wheelchair or Motorized Chair ____ Diabetic ____ Celiac Disease
____ Vegetarian/Vegan ____ Asthmatic (serious, consistent)
____ Other Needs Not Listed?

Does this participant have any circumstances, issues, or other important life circumstances that might impact her/his enjoyment, engagement in or experience at the Triennium?

PYT Participant Application



All participants should complete the Participant Information Form and Application and return to the registrar.

Applicant Name:

Applicant Email:

Applicant Cell:

Applicant Church Name/City:

Did you attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in 2016?

If you attended the 2016 event, what was your favorite/most meaningful part?

If you have never attended this event, why do you want to go?

The theme for the 2019 Triennium is "Here's My Heart" *Drawing from the words of the hymn, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, "Here's My Heart" expresses our deepest desire to be part of something bigger and more beautiful than the tiny flicker of our own candles. It speaks of passion and identity. It speaks of purpose and action. When you hear this theme, see the artwork above, and think about the Triennium, what do you expect, anticipate or feel curious about?*

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Name _____

Traveling to and from the Triennium, participating in the event, you will be a part of several new communities (your delegation, your small group, your residence hall, the whole PYT community). What does it mean to you to be in a community? What will you bring to the community?

What kind of an impact can come from an event like the Triennium? On you? On your church? On the larger church?

Is there anything else you'd like to tell the HEART team for your delegation?

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2019 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.

I have read these guidelines and will abide by them

Participant

Parent or Guardian (if participant is a minor)