

What's the plan for Youth Participation 2012 Annual Meeting?

TORONTO CONFERENCE 88TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: May 25-26, 2012

Meeting: St. Paul's United Church, Orillia

Accommodation: Church hall (no showers)

Cost: \$75 per person

Includes the following meals: Friday lunch & dinner, Saturday breakfast & lunch, all snacks.



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Contact

Your Presbytery Office Administrator
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Living Waters – x 230

Northern Waters – x 240

South West – x 260

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Youth Participation

Each Presbytery is invited to name up to 15 youth members to the annual meeting. This is not a parallel youth program but a fully integrated opportunity for youth to participate in the life and deliberations of Conference. Youth members will be part of the main plenary sessions, with an orientation to take place prior to joining the plenary. The planning team hopes that drawing together senior youth and young adults will enrich the meeting as a whole and also serve to strengthen Presbytery-based youth ministry in the future.

Who should come?

- This is an opportunity for senior youth, approximately ages 15 – 25. Presbyteries will determine their own selection processes. To participate with full voting privileges, each youth member must be a confirmed member of the United Church and elected by the Presbytery. The on-line registration form will be available on the Conference web site in early March. Suggested criteria for delegate selection:
- Youth between the ages of 15-25 – this is an approximate guide and Presbyteries may discern that someone who is 14 or 26 is the right person to come;
- Youth, involved in leadership in church/community, who can reflect on their own faith journey, and bring energy and creativity to the quest for leadership in a transformed church.
- Given the nature of this meeting, a measure of maturity and capacity to be self-directed is required. Participants will be engaging in discussion and decision-making with the adults at the meeting.

It is our hope that the meeting as a whole will reflect our church's commitment to grow intercultural and diverse communities.

Request to Presbyteries

Presbyteries are asked to:

- Determine their own selection process including Presbytery election;
- Identify one contact person to steer the selection process;
- Decide if they will subsidize youth participation or support them in seeking assistance from congregations.