

# Youth at Conference Information and Application Package

Alberta and Northwest Conference

The United Church of Canada

**81<sup>st</sup> Conference Meeting May 29 to June 1, 2008**

**Pre-Conference Gathering for Youth May 28 to May 29, 2008**



Have YOU ever considered being a Youth Delegate at Conference?

Any Youth in The United Church of Canada, in Grades 7-12 who are

- **EXCITED** about learning more about their faith,
- **CURIOUS** about the United Church and how it works,
- **ENTHUSIASTIC** about meeting other Youth and making friends,
- **INSPIRED** about taking an active part in decision-making that will shape the Church
- **READY** to have fun with other Youth,
- **INTERESTED** in representing their local Presbytery as a Youth ...

would make great candidates to become Youth Delegates at the Alberta and Northwest Conference Meeting. **MAYBE YOU'RE ONE?!**

**You might ask yourself, "Just what is the Alberta and Northwest Conference, and this Conference Meeting thing anyway?!"**

This is a meeting where Delegates from Presbyteries discuss and take action on issues of concern raised by the churches and committees of the Conference. One of the Conference's roles is ordaining, commissioning and recognizing those accepted to be ministers and lay leaders for The United Church of Canada.

Alberta and Northwest Conference (ANWC) is made up of nine Presbyteries covering a geographic region as far north as Yellowknife (NWT), as far south as Coutts (AB), as far west as Whitehorse (YT) and as far east as Pierceland (SK).

**And if you were to become a Youth Delegate, what then?!**

You, along with other Youth Delegates will establish a community, over the duration of the meeting, which will allow you to get to know each other, as well as learn about the concerns and experiences of other Youth in the Church, and become oriented with the Conference Meeting. Your time will be spent between the Youth Community and the whole Conference Meeting, with each providing excellent opportunities for exploration.

**So, what do you think?! Is this for YOU?!**

Well it is best not to take too long deciding. Each Presbytery is only allowed to send two Senior High and two Junior High Delegates to Conference. So, if the points made above relate to you, don't hesitate! Fill in and return the attached application form as soon as possible! **AND MAYBE WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!!!**

**So, if you go, WHEN is it and WHERE is it?!**

**The gathering for Youth at the Conference Meeting begins the day before the Conference Meeting begins. Plan to arrive on May 28, 2008. This will result in you missing two days of school! It is an educational experience and will provide you with some life skills and business skills that will serve you later in life. Further details will be included with the confirmation letters. This year the Conference Meeting will be held in Sherwood Park. Again, more information will accompany the confirmation letter, if you are chosen.**

**And just HOW are you supposed to pay for going to this??**

The fee for attending the Conference Meeting is \$100.00 and this will cover the facilities in use. Your Presbytery should be approached to assist with payment of this fee, and in fact, some Presbyteries will pay the full amount. Your Congregation may also be a source of financial support.

Alberta and Northwest Conference  
Youth at Conference Pre-Event May 28-29, 2008  
81<sup>st</sup> Conference Meeting, May 29 to June 1, 2008

**Youth at Conference Application Form - Part 1**

**Personal Information:** *Please Print: Last Name, First Name*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  Female  Male

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

City/Town/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Pastoral Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of \_\_\_\_\_

Presbytery Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

*This is to be filled out by your Presbytery Secretary*

Jr. High Delegate

Jr. High Alternate

Sr. High Delegate

Sr. High Alternate

**Medical Release:**

Health Care #/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications/Dosage: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs:  Seeing  Hearing  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Youth at Conference will be staying at a local church close to the meeting facility for both the pre-event and the conference, with transportation provided to and from the event. Please note that the Jr. High delegates will be at a different church from the Sr. High Delegates.

Presbytery Secretaries must send a copy of this application form for all delegates and alternates along with the Facilities Fee (\$100.00, payable to Alberta and Northwest Conference) by April 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 to the  
YAYAM Registrar  
Helen Reed  
31 Grand Park Crescent, Camrose, AB, T4V 2K3  
(780) 679-4802  
yayamchair@yahoo.ca

The difference between being a Jr. High or Sr. High Delegate is that Sr. High Delegates get to vote at the Conference Annual Meeting, whereas the Jr. High Delegates are able to participate in the discussions but they are not voting members.

**Church Involvement:** *So that your Presbytery may be better informed during the selection process, please take time to thoroughly answer the following questions. Thank you.*

1. Have you ever attended the Conference Meeting in the past?  Yes  No

If Yes, please indicate the year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please outline your involvement with each of the following over the past twelve (12) months.

Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_  
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Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_  
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General Council \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Of the Church-related activities you participate in, which specific one do you find challenges, energizes and fulfills you the most, and why?

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4. Of the Church-related activities you participate in, which specific one do you find leaves you the most tired and frustrated, and why?

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5. If you were in charge of any level within The United Church of Canada, and had uncontested control, what two (2) changes would you make, and why do you feel they are necessary?

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**YOUTH!!! APPLICATION DEADLINE: Please return both parts of this application to your Presbytery listed below, Before MARCH 1, 2008**

**South Alberta Presbytery**

Cathy Coates, 2329 15<sup>th</sup> Ave South, Lethbridge AB T1K 0X5

**Yellowhead Presbytery**

Natalia Dreichel, 10567 67 Avenue NW, Edmonton AB T6H 1Z4

**Coronation Presbytery**

Donna Zimmer, P.O. Box 126, Daysland AB T0B 1A0

**Red Deer Presbytery**

Margaret Lange, 4720 48 Avenue, Innisfail AB T4G 1N6

**Northern Lights Presbytery**

Piotr Strzelecki, PO Box 387, Beaverlodge AB T0H 0C0

**Edmonton Presbytery**

Edmonton Presbytery Office, 220-11 Fairway Drive NW, Edmonton AB T6J 2W4

**Foothills Presbytery**

Rosemary Ingraham, PO Box 97, Arrowwood AB T0L 0B0

**St. Paul Presbytery**

Helen Reid, PO Box 155, Irma AB T0B 2H0

**Calgary Presbytery**

Brad Lavenne, 201B 4 Street NE, Calgary AB T2E 3S1

