

## Youth Summer Trip Scholarship Covenant

Our Summer Trips (REACH, Montreat, Triennium) are a part of the larger youth ministry and fellowship of First Presbyterian Church. This includes mission trips. We take these trips because they are great opportunities for our youth to:

- remove themselves from everything going on around them and intentionally focus on their relationship with God and how God is acting in their lives.
- deepen their personal faith and understanding of God
- develop and strengthen relationships within our FPC Youth Ministry and with other Christians across the country
- To share their faith with the church and community upon their return.

In order to make this possible, the Youth Ministry Team, the Christian Education Committee, First Presbyterian Church, and Youth Pastor would like to enter into the following covenant with youth participating in our summer trips and their parent(s)/guardian(s).

The Youth Ministry Team, Christian Education Committee, First Presbyterian Church, and the Youth Pastor aims to assist and support your youth in realizing the opportunities above by making these trips as impactful, safe, and affordable as possible. With this as our goal, the Youth Ministry Team, Christian Education Committee, and First Presbyterian church affirms that we will covenant with you to:

- Provide a scholarship worth \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help with the personal costs of each youth for each trip they attend
- Help with other costs of the trips, such as: Bus maintenance, gas, one meal, other special costs.
- Provide adult chaperones that will watch for the safety as well as nurture the faith of each youth. The adult/youth ratio will be at least 1/6, if not greater.
- Offer opportunities for your youth to share their experiences with FPC (including but not limited to Youth Sunday on \_\_\_\_\_, and asking your youth about their experiences once they have returned from their trip.)
- Encourage youth to continue to explore their relationship with God and live out their faith in their everyday lives once they have returned.
- To support parents as they support and nurture the faith lives of your youth.

You, as a youth desiring to participate in one or more of our summer trips or a youth's parent(s)/guardian(s), affirm that you will covenant with us:

- Youth will attend and be an active participant in youth events and activities. These include EPIC (Sr High) or SWAG (Mid High) activities, events, and service projects throughout the week and Church School on Sunday mornings. \*If there are extenuating circumstances, please speak with the Youth Pastor or a member of the Christian Education Committee or Youth Ministry Team
- Youth and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) will participate in at least two FPC youth fundraisers—the Garage Sale and Pancake Breakfast—unless otherwise worked out with the Youth Pastor and the Christian Education Committee or Youth Ministry Team. Youth have the option of participating in additional fundraisers as well.
- Youth and their parent(s)/guardian(s) will attend worship regularly (8:30am, 11:45am, or 5pm services).

- Youth will participate fully and lawfully in the summer conference/camp they attend, which includes: following the covenant they agree to for the individual conference/camp they attend and the laws of that city/state/country, engaging and interacting with youth at the conference/camp from our church and other churches, engaging in small group reflection times.
- Youth will bring their experiences with God home, with the intention of living out their faith in their everyday lives with their experiences of God guiding them. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will nurture and support their youth by talking about their experiences with them and finding ways to encourage and support them as they try to live out their faith more intentionally.
- Youth will share their experiences with FPC and others after they have returned; including but not limited to participating in Youth Sunday on \_\_\_\_\_.

If you affirm that you accept and will live into this covenant as outlined above, please print your name and sign below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Barb Slevin (Christian Education Committee)

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Print name of participating youth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stacie Holt or Bill Wilson (Youth Ministry Team)

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Participating Youth Signature

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Pastor Zac Wolfe (Assoc. Pastor of Youth)

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Print names(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s)

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Pastor Rob Erickson  
(Head Pastor First Presbyterian Church)

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Parent(s)/guardian(s) signature(s)

Please circle which summer trips this youth will be attending: REACH Triennium  
Montreat Mission

Please indicate if you have any concerns with the covenant or if the Christian Education Committee, Youth Ministry Team, Youth Pastor, or First Presbyterian Church can be of more assistance to you (such as if you will need more financial support than the \$\_\_\_ scholarship in order to make it more feasible for your youth to attend the trip(s) they desire). THIS WILL ONLY BE SEEN BY the YOUTH PASTOR AND THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE OR YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM.

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