A Letter from Your 2013 Planning Team

We are excited that you have chosen to attend a Youth Conference in Montreat this summer. The planning team and leadership have been working hard and praying for you. During our time together, we will explore how God calls each of us to be a new creation in Jesus Christ and to live a life of service and faith. We will continue to work and pray for you as you prepare and journey to Montreat. Have a safe and fun-filled trip.

Grace and Peace,

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Please take a few minutes to read this packet. It contains important information that you should: understand, sign, act upon, and use to prepare. Please copy all necessary information & forms for distribution to your group.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR RETURNERS— WE’VE HIGHLIGHTED EVERY SECTION OF THIS PACKET WHERE SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR!
Ok, I’ve registered, now what?

Complete Your Participant Info Form Online!

Go to www.mymontreat.org. In order to login, you will need the email address you provided on your registration form (login) and 6 digit reservation number (password). Your reservation number can be found at the top of any group receipt/confirmation you have received. If you have groups registered for both youth and middle school conference, please take note that your reservation number for each group is different! Further instructions can be found on page 9 of this packet.

Pre-Conference Meeting Planning

Being part of the Montreat Youth Conference requires preparation, planning, packing, and prayer. We have prepared a Pre-Conference session for you to use with your group. You may download it at www.montreat.org/youth. To help you prepare your group for Montreat, we offer this session to:

1. help participants become better acquainted with others in the group,
2. establish a group covenant,
3. acquaint participants with the goals of the conference, and
4. finalize any details about the trip.

We strongly encourage your group to take time for this 90-minute Pre-Conference Session.

Small Group Leaders needed!

We are in need of committed, responsible people aged 21+ who are part of the Reformed tradition to provide critical leadership for the “heart” of the youth conference: the Small Group. Small Group Leaders (SGLs) work hard, come one day early for training, and receive full room, board, and travel expenses. Back-home leaders who are SGLs should have another adult who is in charge of their Back-home group. The SGL application is available here: www.montreat.org/young. Simply scroll down the page and click on the Small Group Leaders title on the left side.

Small Group Placement

Thank you for trusting the process of Small Group placement. It works! Year after year, strangers on Monday morning have become life-long friends by week’s end. Participants are assigned to Small Groups so that there are ordinarily no two individuals from each Back-home group in the same Small Group. If, as a youth minister or Back-home Leader, you are aware of a special need regarding Small Group placement (wheelchair access, recent experience of trauma, etc.), please indicate that need in writing via email (cherylp@montreat.org) as soon as possible. Staff and directors will be sensitive to all such requests.

Insurance

Due to dramatically increased rates for camper accident insurance, Montreat is no longer able to provide this coverage. Liability insurance is carried to cover accidents or negligence where the conference center is deemed responsible. Health insurance is not provided. Trips to the doctor/ER should be prepared for with health insurance information on each member of the Back-home group.
Opportunities

The Jeremiah Project: for young people who have an interest in worship leadership as well as a hunger to explore God’s call in their lives. Youth who have participated in a Montreat Youth Conference before may apply to be part of a special small group that prepares for worship leadership, participates in keynote, and discusses vocation. See pgs 14 & 15 for the application and more information.

Clubs & Child Care Programs: Program information and online registration are available on our website: http://www.montreat.org/41.

Broadly graded youth groups are invited to bring all members with them. Those who do not meet the grade requirements of the conference (entering 9th through spring graduation) must be enrolled in the Clubs Program and may attend worship with your group.

Work Crew: College-aged young adults are invited to assist the Planning Team behind the scenes. Interested persons need to register, pay conference fee and travel, and lodge with their Back-home group. No application for Work Crew is needed. There will be an opportunity to sign up during registration.

Choir: for youth and adults who are interested in worship leadership through music under the direction of our music leaders. The choir will meet each afternoon except Wednesday.

Variety Show: Please see the form about the Variety Show! Groups may want to prepare an act in advance, but be warned that acts will be vetted on site and we will only be able to include a certain number of acts. **ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR—you will turn in lyrics at sign up.**

Montreat Summer Mission Experience: Are you looking for a way to harness the energy of your youth group to make a difference in the world that you can do while you’re here? Montreat and Asheville Youth Mission are offering Montreat Summer Mission Experiences for your group on Sundays prior to Youth Conference registration (come on in a day early!) and on Free Afternoon Wednesdays during Youth Conferences. Your group can add a mission experience to their YC week by adding one or both days to your schedule! Capacity is limited! To learn more, go to: http://www.montreat.org/322 or see the information on page 16.

Wednesday: Free Afternoon

Wednesday afternoon is a free afternoon. No conference activities are planned from noon to 7:15 p.m. Use this time for rest, or for exploration of the area surrounding Montreat. Limit your explorations to this time only. Leaving before Wednesday morning Small Group and/or returning after the worship service will prevent your group from participating in a full morning and evening of conference activities, which are integral to the conference. There are many hiking trails in and around Montreat. Consult the Montreat Nature Center staff for recommendations and maps. Do not hike alone. Tell someone where you are going and plan to be off the mountain before dark.

If you need brochures about places to visit, see the information rack in the lower lobby of Assembly Inn. **We urge you to use this afternoon to make your trips and not other afternoons when conference activities are planned.**

Sale of Items & Use of Montreat Identity

The sale of items by individuals or by youth groups is prohibited without approval prior to the conference. Any groups wishing to use the trademark/copyrighted name “Montreat” or the Montreat logo on any t-shirts or clothing items must request approval from the Conference Center. Direct those requests to Tanner Pickett, Vice President, Sales, Marketing & Communications, 828-669-2911, ext. 305, at tannerp@montreat.org and a usage license will be granted to you free of charge.
Things to Pack

- Bible
- Appropriate clothing
- Extra pair of tennis shoes
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Raincoat or umbrella
- Manna Food Bank*
- White tshirt**
- Spending money for: Offering, snacks, Conference t-shirt ($10-15), lost wrist band ($5), lost conference brochure ($1).

Dress Code

This statement is an effort to build upon and clarify previous recommendations and policies for appropriate dress for summer staff, conferees and adult leaders, male and female alike. The way we dress at Montreat reflects the character of the Christian community that we are trying to build together at Montreat Conference Center.

In Baptism, we are not only bathed but also clothed. “As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ,” writes Paul in his Letter to the Galatians. (Stephanie Paulsell, “Body Language,” Christian Century, January 16-23, 2002)

Throughout the whole Youth Conference, participants are discouraged from wearing clothing that:
- is too revealing (e.g. clothing that is too tight; halter tops, short shorts, strapless tops, or shirts/tops that reveal a bare midriff; pants should be worn at waist line);
- advertises alcohol, tobacco products or other substances abusive to the body;
- contains language or images that ridicule a person’s gender, sexuality, or geographic/ethnic origin;

Additionally, undergarments should be worn but should not be visible.

When a conferee or summer staffer is in a position of worship leadership or on stage, there should be even further attention to dress in an effort to avoid distraction. The focus of the congregation should be on God, not on the individual leader. As a worshipping community, dress code on stage will be only capris, long shorts, long skirts or long pants with sleeved shirts. The stage or worship coordinator has sole discretion to determine whether or not the attire is appropriate.

Water Bottle

As you and your back-home group make travel preparations for this summer, please encourage all youth and adults to pack a reusable bottle, making a commitment not to add bottled water to your group’s grocery list. Together we will be saving money and creating less pollution and waste! For information you can share with your youth about the impact of bottled water on our environment, visit presbyearthcare.org/advocacy-h20.html or www.insidethebottle.org

Communion

This week our community will be celebrating communion. All of our communion bread is gluten free. Also, you may want to let your group know that some groups have a tradition of dressing up for communion services. This is not necessary, but we wanted your group to be aware!

Manna Food Bank

For when I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" - Matthew 25: 35, NRSV

This summer our recreation events will create opportunities not only for fellowship and community building, but also for mission. At the Thursday afternoon rec event, we will be collecting donations for Manna Food Bank, a charity dedicated to ending hunger in Western North Carolina. Please discuss this opportunity with your youth and decide how your group may choose to contribute, whether that involves shopping together as part of your free afternoon, or even holding a food drive at your church prior to the conference. For more information about Manna and the many needs the food bank serves, please visit www.mannafoodbank.org.

*Other Items to Bring

As a part of the larger community gathering, each Back-home group is asked to bring one small rock—no larger than the palm of your hand—from your local region. Please bring this rock with you to the opening worship Sunday evening.

One of our afternoon recreation events will include a Color Run. Each participant should wear all white, or at least a white top on this day. Colors usually wash out, but please wear a shirt you won’t mind getting dirty.
Step 2: We’re here… Where do we go, what do we do?

**Conference Registration/Check-In**

What: Conference Registration  
When: Sunday, 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
(or following the opening session on Sunday night if you arrive late)  
Where: Upper Anderson Auditorium  
Who: Only one adult is needed to complete registration

**Items to Bring to Registration/Check-In**

Covenant & Medical Insurance Information  
(front and back) **IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER**  
— Two copies of each participant’s covenant  
(one for Montreat and one for YOU)  
Participant Locator Form  
— Online version or completed form (page 11)  
Money:  
— for outstanding housing balance (if any) & additional wristbands (see right).

**Wristbands**

Wristbands will be worn by all conferees (youth & adults) and are required for admission to all conference events. In order to accommodate different needs of groups who bring extra adults to function as cooks & drivers, there will be four different wristbands available for sale at Registration on the day of the conference:  
* **Keynote Only - $65** allows adults to attend keynote only;  
* **Recreation Only - $5** allows adults/children ages 5+ to attend rec events only;  
* **Both Keynote & Recreation - $70** allows adults to attend all keynote & conference recreation events, but not Small Group sessions;  
* **Young Child – FREE** – allows children under 5 to accompany their parents to Youth conference events.

All persons wearing wristbands will be expected to adhere to all Youth Conference guidelines. Worship services are the only youth conference events open to the public.

**Back-home Leader Meeting**

When: Sunday (immediately following the opening session)  
Where: Walkup Building  
Who: One Back-home leader from each Group, to meet with Co-Directors & Conference Staff  
What: This first-night orientation contains vital information and guidelines and addresses specific questions regarding the conference.

Note: If you arrive after 5:30 p.m., please send one adult to register your group in Upper Anderson after the opening session and send another adult leader to the Back-home leader meeting.
**Expectations for Back-home Leaders**

The Planning Team expects that you will help with the community life of the conference in your role as Back-home leader. In addition to overseeing the activities of the young people in your Back-home group, we would like for you to help with instances of inappropriate behavior that you may observe. Here are some other reminders:

- To ensure full participation in the conference, please encourage your group to get the needed rest in the evenings.
- Help us to discourage walking on, standing on, or climbing over the pews in Anderson Auditorium. They cannot take the abuse. Please help us create a welcoming space for all by supervising youth as they enter the auditorium. Remember, many who are now first will be last and many who are now last will be first.
- You should know where your youth are. Please post the location and number of each conferee’s Small Group where your Back-home group is staying.
- God, not the performance of an individual, is the focus of our worship. You might like to discuss with your group appropriate and considerate responses to worship as the Spirit moves. Let us always keep in mind that responses are to be directed to God.
- We ask that all groups attending the conference this summer DO NOT STOP AT THE GATE either on the way in OR on the way out to take a group picture. It is too dangerous! Please find other scenic spots away from the road to take a picture.
- Each evening following curfew, you will have time to gather together with the people who came to Montreat with you. This is a time to reflect on the conference and to plan for upcoming activities. We encourage you to use this time to strengthen your group and enable your week at Montreat to affect your coming year. The “Back-home Leader Devotional Guide,” written by the Small Group Manual Writer, Deb Guess, Laurinburg, NC, will be posted on the Montreat website when it is produced. This file should be available by the time you receive this packet. More copies will be available at Registration. It may be used during the evening time following curfew, or at other times that work for your group.

**Cell Phones**

We recognize that the use of isolating technology often prevents youth and adults from being fully engaged in conference activities. Therefore, we request that youth and adults alike use cell phones in a way that helps build community, and we will be modeling some of those ways during the conference. We will rely on Back-home leaders to help young people fully engage in conference activities and share these expectations.

**Environmental Concerns**

Stewardship of God’s creation is an important concern for all of God’s people.

- **Recycling:** Conferences generate a lot of trash. Your help in recycling is needed. There are recycling bins at most buildings or housing units. If you are staying in a private cottage, you must use “blue bags” available at all area grocery stores.
- **Extra Food:** If you are staying in a cottage and have extra food, a local food bank, The Second Loaf, will collect it on Saturday morning by the entrance gate. They accept opened packages, usable cooked food, milk, and non-food items.
- **Shaving Cream:** The use of shaving cream, except for its intended purpose, is prohibited. It washes into Lake Susan, killing plant and animal life; removes paint from cars and buildings; and is a hazard to eyes and those who have sensitive skin.
- **Hiking:** Stay on the trails to prevent excessive erosion. (See Covenant & Free Afternoon sections for more information.)

**Smoking Policy**

All buildings in Montreat owned by the Conference Center as well as Montreat College are now smoke-free! This includes incense and candles. There are designated smoking areas with urns on Conference Center property.

Montreat College is a tobacco-free campus. Tobacco use is not permitted on property owned or leased by the college. This includes inside vehicles and in parking lots. Thank you refraining from using tobacco products while on the Montreat College campus.

Your cooperation in adhering to this policy for the health of all is appreciated.
Montreat Youth Conferences will provide a community where all are valued and heard, where gifts are discovered and celebrated, and youth are empowered to share. Through a community of acceptance, support, and conversation, youth will discover their calling as beloved children of God. Faithful discipleship, that is lived and not just talked about, will be encouraged through faith practices that help youth engage with church, community, and world, in ways that are rooted in scripture and explored through keynote, small group, recreation, and worship.

### Tentative Schedule & Conference Goals

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### Evening Childcare

- **7:15 PM:** Evening Childcare opens
- **7:30 PM:** Welcome and Opening Anderson Aud.
- Immediately following opening parents pick up children from childcare
- **9:00 PM:** Parents pick up children from childcare
- **10:30 PM:** Curfew Dorm/Cottage Orientation
- **11:00 PM:** Curfew Back Home Groups

### Weekend Recreation

- **3:45 PM:** Variety Show
- **7:15 PM:** Evening Childcare opens
- **7:30 PM:** Worship w/ Communion and Offering Anderson Aud.
- **9:00 PM:** Parents pick up children from childcare
- **9:00 PM:** Variety Show
- **9:00 PM:** Parents pick up children from childcare
- **9:00 PM:** Recreation
- **9:00 PM:** Candlelight Lake Susan
- **10:30 PM:** Curfew Back Home Groups
### Before you go…a few more items…

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<th><strong>Apply to be on a Planning Team</strong></th>
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<td>Applications for adult &amp; youth members of the Planning Team for the 2015 Montreat Youth Conferences will be available in the Youth Conference Office. The extensive planning for our youth conferences takes almost two years. We seek individuals who would give a lot of time and energy and receive a very rewarding experience.</td>
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<td>After you arrive back-home, you’ll receive an email with a link to surveymonkey. We welcome your feedback and look forward to hearing about your experiences while at a Montreat Youth Conference.</td>
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Instructions for Filling Out Forms

1. **Covenant**: Make enough copies for each registered participant in your group. Have each person (including adults, college students, and children who will be purchasing wristbands for keynote and/or recreation only) complete the Covenant Statement form.
   - Make sure each youth and work crew’s Covenant has a parent/guardian signature.
   - In order to receive a wristband, each group member must have a signed covenant on file.
   - Please bring two sets of Covenants with you to the on-site registration: One set will be submitted to conference leadership and the other should be kept for your records.

2. **Medical Insurance Information**: See the instructions for the covenant above.
   - A medical form must be on file for each participant with a wristband.
   - To help us with our records, please try to keep the medical form on the back of the Covenant, or otherwise attach the two so that they do not become separated.
   - Please bring a set to on-site registration and a set to keep for your records.

3. **Participant Locator Form**: If you complete this information online (preferred method), you will not need the form in this packet. Instead, after you have entered all your participants into our online database, you will print a completed version of the Participant Locator Form which you should bring to on-site registration.
   - If you are unable to complete this information online, you will need to bring a completed Participant Locator Form, page 12.

4. **Variety Show Covenant & Sign-Up**: Make copies of this form for any person(s) wishing to sign up for the variety show.
   - Please read the covenant agreement carefully before signing.
   - You may submit this form at sound check.
   - Please be prepared to submit song lyrics at the time of sign-up.

5. **Jeremiah Project**: Please share this application with youth in your group who might be interested in sharing their gifts for leadership with the conference. Jeremiah Project is for youth who are interested in considering questions of vocation in a designated small group, learning together as they assist in worship leadership, attending rehearsals and sound checks, and forming community around a sense of vocational exploration. Please see the application for more information. Applications are due 14 days prior to the start of your conference.

6. **Clubs & Childcare Registration**: For information & registration, go to our website: www.montreat.org/41

7. **Maps & Directions to Montreat Conference Center**: Information is available on our web site: www.montreat.org/36
### COVENANT FORM FOR ALL YOUTH & ADULTS — MONTREAT SUMMER CONFERENCES

For this week, we will be doing our best to live together as a family in Christian community. Family life is based on love, respect, trust, support, and spending time together. Each of us is very important as a member of the family. To create and maintain this atmosphere of family and community, we agree to the following covenant:

1. We will be considerate to those who live & work here by not walking in the middle of the streets and by following the curfew of 11:00 PM each evening.
2. We will abide by state law, which prohibits the possession or use of illegal drugs by anyone and prohibits the possession or consumption of alcohol by persons under 21. (If over 21, we will voluntarily abstain from alcohol.)
3. As members of the Youth Conference family, we will:
   - abide by the conference center "smoke-free" policy & college "tobacco-free" policy;
   - abide by the conference center dress code;
   - care for ourselves and others by not hitchhiking or accepting rides from strangers;
   - not bring skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, "super-soakers", laser pointers, air horns, balloon launchers, or other disruptive items to the conference;
   - be responsible for our own belongings and respect the property of others;
   - keep all our audio devices in our rooms with the volume low;
   - not hike in the wilderness alone, after dark, or before sunrise;
   - participate fully in the events of the conference;
   - be responsible in our expressions of care, concern, and intimacy;
   - especially care for and respect others’ property;
   - honor all people as children of God.

I recognize that I am joining this Christian family and community. I agree to abide by this covenant while I am a member of this community. I understand that if I break this covenant by disrespecting or endangering myself or others, I may be sent home at the discretion of the senior leadership team and/or the president of Montreat Conference Center. I further understand that such action will be undertaken at my parent's expense and my church session may be notified. I acknowledge that I may be photographed or videotaped for publicity purposes.

### TO BE SIGNED BY THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT:

To be signed by parent/guardian (of each youth conferee or work crew participant):

I have read the Youth Conference Covenant and understand that if my youth or work crew participant breaks the covenant and a decision is made to send them home, it will be at my expense. In case of an emergency, I give my permission for medical treatment. Please reach me at the following phone numbers:

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**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

Date ______________________

**NOTE TO ADULT SPONSORS:** Registration is not complete until a copy of this form with all signatures is turned in for each participant. Forms will be collected at registration and held by the Youth Conference office. PLEASE BRING AN EXTRA COPY OF EACH COVENANT FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS. EACH INDIVIDUAL COVENANT SIGNED BY EACH YOUTH AND ADULT WILL BE COLLECTED FROM YOU AT REGISTRATION. PLEASE PLACE YOUR STACK OF COMPLETED COVENANTS THAT YOU WILL TURN IN AT REGISTRATION INTO ALPHABETICAL ORDER.
MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION FORM

(Please Print)

Last name       First name       Birth date

Insurance Company

Address ___________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ___________ Zip ___________

Policy Number ___________________________________________

Employee Name

Address ___________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ___________ Zip ___________

Current Medications: ___________________________________________

List surgeries: ___________________________________________

List Allergies: ___________________________________________

Circle if you have a history with these medical problems:

Hay Fever        Convulsions
Lung Problem     Bee Sting
Blood Pressure Problem    Ulcers
Fainting         Cancer
Kidney Problem   Asthma
Heart Disease    Diabetes
Sulpha Drugs Allergic Reaction Penicillin Allergic Reaction

Other Illness: ___________________________________________
The Montreat Conference Center Board has set a goal of increasing the participation of individuals who are racial and/or ethnic minorities. Please help youth conferences work toward this important goal by indicating the number of people in your group best described by the following:

- Asian
- Hispanic
- Caucasian
- African-American
- Native American
- Other

The primary Back-home leader of your group MUST be registered for the conference and listed below or admission to on-site registration will be denied.

Back-home Leader at Montreat: ________________________________ Last       First       MI

Back-home Leader at Montreat CELL PHONE: ________________________________

Housing Location & Phone: _____________________________________________

Emergency Name and Phone # Back-home: ________________________________

List the names of each member of your group. Indicate Adult Sponsors by "A". Group numbers will be added at registration. **PLEASE PRINT AND USE A PEN WITH DARK INK.**

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The Variety Show shares performing arts talents. There are limited spaces for this evening activity. The sign-up procedure will be announced at the conference. When sign-ups are closed, acts will be chosen with attention given to theme, appropriateness, and variety. All members of acts must attend “sound check” in full costumes (and wristbands) that will be worn at the event. Any change in participants, performance material, or costumes from the sound check to the evening of the performance will result in the disqualification of the act. Sign-up does not assure inclusion in the Variety Show.

Submit at Sound Check.

I. Description of Act:

II. Needs for Audio/Visual, Props, Stage, Setup, etc:

III. Attach lyrics if applicable:

**Adult Back-home Leader:**

“I have seen the act and agree that it is G-rated and suitable for presentation to the conference.”

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**Participants:**

“I agree to abide by the act requirements stated on the reverse of this page.”

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**All acts MUST meet the following requirements:**

- No more than 4 minutes for set up, performance & exit.
- Ridiculing persons, groups, or geographic areas will not be permitted.
- Any sexual reference will exhibit a healthy attitude regarding sexuality — as opposed to “shock value”, exploitative, or general tastelessness (this includes spoken word, dancing/gestures).
- Use of food is NOT allowed
- Use of substances/material that requires stage clean up will NOT be allowed.
- Acts will show respect for all property (stage, AV equipment, or other equipment provided).
- All participants will be present & in full costume at the sound check.
- A back-home group leader must attend the sound check with the participants.
- All participants MUST be wearing their wristband properly at both the sound check and the performance (Replace broken wristbands by purchasing a new one in the Youth Conference Office).
- Each participant will sign a covenant agreeing to abide by these requirements.
- The back-home group leader will sign the covenant stating that the leader has seen the act & agrees that it is G-rated & suitable for presentation to the conference.
- A conferee may appear in no more than one act.
- Young people will be the focus and also leaders of this event. Adults with the group may certainly be a part/partner of the act, but in an assisting and supportive role.
- Lyrics must be provided in writing at sign up for any music used during the act, including background music.
- No act will be previewed before sound check.
- A Co-Director will be present at sound check.
- If an act is not approved, an adult member of the planning team will provide an explanation. Every effort will be made to not embarrass an act and to give them an opportunity to meet the above criteria.
- Please remember we have limited audio visual resources. We will do our best to accommodate each participant.
THE JEREMIAH PROJECT INFORMATION

But the Lord said to me, “Do not say ‘I am only a young person’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you and you shall speak whatever I command you…”

-Jeremiah 1:6-7

What is the focus of The Jeremiah Project?
The focus of The Jeremiah Project is to nurture young people along the journey of vocational discernment through participation in worship, keynote and small group discussion at the Montreat Youth & Middle School Conferences.

Who would be good candidates for The Jeremiah Project?
The Jeremiah Project is for young people who have an interest in worship/keynote leadership as well as a hunger to explore God’s call on their life. Those who are good candidates will be both active members and leaders in their home congregations. The Jeremiah Project is primarily for juniors and seniors who have previously attended a Montreat Youth Conference or 7th and 8th graders who have previously attended a Montreat Middle School Conference. Preference may be given to first time applicants and the group will be limited in number.

What will The Jeremiah Project do, exactly?
Participants in The Jeremiah Project will be involved in both worship and keynote leadership during the Montreat Youth Conference. The group will work with their small group leader, as well as the keynote and preacher, to rehearse and participate in the leadership worship and keynote.

When will The Jeremiah Project meet?
The Jeremiah Project is its own “small group” with its own “small group leader” (a trained and capable support staff position in the conference). It will meet during the small group times on the conference schedule. There will also be times during the week where those involved in keynote and worship will need to meet in the auditorium outside of small group time.

How do you apply to be in The Jeremiah Project?
On the next page, there is an application. Applications are required to be completed and returned to Montreat two weeks prior to the start of your conference. Conference directors will notify youth leaders when they have made decisions.

The Jeremiah Project Dress Code
Youth participating in the Jeremiah Project are expected to follow the Montreat dress code each day. Youth may be needed on stage at any point in time, therefore must be stage-ready when it comes to their clothing. The dress code on stage will be only: capris, long shorts, long skirts or long pants with sleeved shirts. The stage or worship coordinator has sole discretion to determine whether or not the attire is appropriate.

JP Leader Weeks 3 & 4: Alan Bancroft currently serves as the Campus Minister at Vanderbilt and Belmont Universities for UKIRK Nashville. He enjoys “living the dream” as a Pastor in Nashville, spending time with interesting people, talking about God, exploring issues of faith, and thinking creatively about worship. In his spare time, he likes to play golf, go for a run, read, attempt to play musical instruments, and go hiking/biking with his lovely wife Gracyn. Alan is looking forward to exploring the theme of Here and Be Heard with all the Jeremiah Project participants.
Jeremiah Project Application

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-Jeremiah 1:6-7

Your Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Your Home Church: ___________________________________________________________________

Youth Leader Name & Phone Number: __________________________________________________

Conference you are attending this summer: (check one)

___YC I   ___YCII   ___YCIII   ___YC IV   ___YC V   ___YC VI   ___MSC

Grade entering in fall: __________

How many Montreat Conferences have you attended?

Montreat Youth Conferences ______

Montreat Middle School Conferences ______

1. Have you been part of The Jeremiah Project before? (please include years and conference weeks)

2. Describe your current and past involvement in your home congregation. What has been most meaningful for you and why?

3. What experiences do you have in leadership and/or serving others?

4. What hopes do you have for the church and/or yourself?

5. Why do you want to be a part of The Jeremiah Project?

Applications are due 2 weeks prior to the conference
Montreat Conference Center
ATTN: Carol Steele
PO Box 969
Montreat, NC 28757
Or fax to: 1.828.669.7152