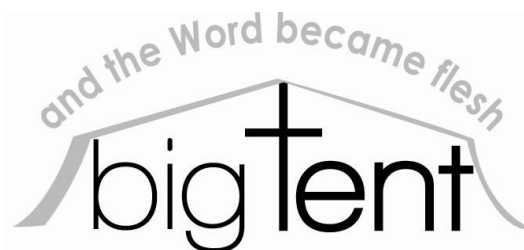

Youth Program Information

June 11-13, 2009

Atlanta, Georgia

www.pcusa.org/bigtent



Loving Your Neighbor

The Big Tent provides an opportunity for Presbyterians to experience ten PC(USA) conference communities and cultures in the same location. The Youth Program is designed for youth and their families or youth groups to attend the Big Tent - together!

“And the Word became flesh....and moved into the neighborhood.” (John 1:14, *The Message*). The Youth Program will expand on living into faith as a *loving neighbor* by exploring the different cultures and interests of our host neighborhood of Atlanta. Daily Bible study, games, music and small group discussions and an off-site tour to the *World of Coke** will provide youth an opportunity to share the Big Tent experience with other Presbyterian youth!

What You Need To Know

The Youth Program is for youth entering 7th through 12th grades. (Information on programs for younger children is available at pcusa.org/bigtent.) Youth may attend with their family or a youth group; youth to adult ratios for this conference are one adult leader (21 or older) for every nine youth of the same gender.

Advanced registration is required – by April 30, 2009.

Download the *Youth Program registration form* from www.pcusa.org/bigtent. This program is intended for those taking part in the activities for all three days of the Big Tent, so daily rates are not available.

The registration fee is **\$150.00 per youth**. This includes the Big Tent Thursday dinner (youth will eat with their families/youth groups) and Friday lunch (off-site). It does not include lodging. The schedule on this sheet indicates the Youth Program sessions in **bold**; youth will be with their families/youth groups for other Big Tent activities, and parents and adult leaders are responsible for their youth outside of the Youth Program sessions.

Families/youth groups are responsible for providing all meals other than Thursday dinner and Friday lunch; use the Youth Program registration form to purchase tickets to meals offered by partner conferences, or take advantage of the numerous restaurants near the hotel.

Parents and adult youth group leaders register to attend the offerings of the Big Tent partner conferences (pcusa.org/bigtent). **The adult registration fee is \$285** if paid by May 8. Note that the schedules of the partner conferences vary and at times differ from the Youth Program hours.

Youth Program Schedule

Locations: Hyatt Regency unless otherwise indicated.

Thursday, June 11

- 12:00 – 6:00pm Big Tent Conference Registration
- 20 minute Youth Program orientation
(on the hour at 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 and 5:00)
- 6:00 – 7:15pm Big Tent Opening Dinner
- 7:30 – 8:30pm Big Tent Opening Worship
- **8:30 - 10:00pm Youth Program Session 1**

Friday, June 12

- 9:00 – 10:00am Big Tent Morning Worship
- **10:00am – 5:00pm Youth Program Session 2**
(includes off-site visit and lunch)
- Evening - optional events
8:00pm Evangelism Conference Coffee Shop
Evangelism with live music. *Colin Pritchard, folk singer and pastor of Victoria Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N.Y.*
9:00pm Peacemaking Conference- Pray for Peace
In the tradition of Jesus who prayed for the peace of Jerusalem, we will gather to pray for people, places, and situations around God's world. *Led by Sara Lisherness, director, Compassion, Peace and Justice, and Mark Koenig, coordinator, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, PC(USA)*

Saturday, June 13

- **8:15am – 12:00n Youth Program Session 3**
- **1:15 – 4:00pm Youth Program Session 4**
- 5:00 – 6:00pm Big Tent Closing Worship
- 6:30 – 10:00pm Celebration at Centennial Park

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