



Institute 2020

Greetings!

United Methodist Youth Institute is a week of Christian spiritual growth for high school students. It is sponsored by Great Plains Camps, the camping ministry of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and is held on the campus of Baker University, Baldwin City, KS. For over 100 years young people have been coming to Institute to grow their faith and deepen their love of God.

Youth experience Christian community at Institute and learn to receive and give care as taught by Jesus Christ. Institute is intentional about making disciples for the transformation of the world. Our theme for this summer is **This Is Our Prayer**. We hope you will consider applying to be on the adult staff at Institute this summer.

Adult staff members are vital to making Institute happen. They team-lead Care Groups, lead Lifesavers and Creative Involvements, serve as Resident Hall Parents and help staff with other integral parts of the Institute week. Adult staff need to be Safe Gatherings certified through the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church and need to be at least 23 years old. Once selected to serve on staff adults are asked to register for Institute and to pay, if feasible, a \$125.00 adult registration fee. This fee covers the cost of your meals for the week. Attendance at the Institute staff training event on June 20th, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Countryside UMC in Topeka is strongly recommended.

We hope you will prayerfully consider leadership at United Methodist Youth Institute this summer. Please return the enclosed application to Paul and Brenda Bauman Swank, Care Group Staff Coordinators, by April 1st, 2020 (no foolin')

Grace and Peace,

Paul and Brenda Bauman Swank, Care Group Staff Coordinators

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Institute 2020: This Is Our Prayer
Adult Staff Application
Section I (please print)

July 20th to 25th (Staff Arrives on July 19th)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Sessions of Institute Attended: As a Youth _____ As an Adult _____

Current Church: _____

Pastor Name: _____

If you are clergy please list your District Superintendent on this line.

District of the Great Plains Conference: _____

I am Safe Gatherings certified. Yes _____ No _____

Institute Adult Staff

- Co-lead a Care Group (small family group) for the week of Institute.
- Lead a small group class offering (either a Lifesaver or a Creative Involvement).
- Serve as evening Reflection Group Leaders.
- Attend daily staff meetings each morning and Wednesday afternoon.
- May be asked to be a resident hall House Parent.
- May be asked to assist in the leadership of worship or other activities of the week.
- May be asked to assist with staffing Sabbath time each day.
- Work to support and care for other members of the adult staff during the week of Institute.

Section II: Please Answer the Following Questions (skip this section if you served in a leadership role at Institute 2019 and complete section III)

1. What leadership roles have you had with youth in your local congregation?

2. What gifts do you have that make you an effective leader with youth?

3. What do you consider to be key characteristics of a Christian leader?

Name of a Youth Reference: _____

Phone: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Section III

How do you see yourself in leadership at Institute (mark all that apply)?

_____ Small Group Co-Leader _____ Class Leadership _____ Music Leadership

_____ Resident Hall Parent _____ Devotional Leader _____ Worship Leadership

Institute staff members will attend the Staff Training on June 20th, 2020.

Institute staff members will arrive on Sunday, July 19th, 2020.

I commit to make Institute leadership a priority.

Signature: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY PAUL AND BRENDA BAUMAN SWANK BY April 1st, 2020.

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