



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 youth staff at Institute this summer.

Youth staff members are vital to making Institute happen! They co-lead Care Groups with an adult staff person and lead other integral parts of the Institute week. Youth staff need to have attended Institute previously. Once selected to serve on staff youth are asked to register for Institute. Youth Care Group Leaders are guaranteed the “early bird” rate of \$350.00.

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
pbswank@sbcglobal.net

**Institute 2020: This Is Our Prayer
Youth Care Group Staff Application**

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

Please print:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Year in School: _____ Number of Institute Session(s) Attended: _____

Age as of June 15th 2020: _____

Home Church: _____

Pastor/Youth Worker Name: _____

District of the Great Plains Conference: _____

I am Safe Gatherings certified. Yes _____ No _____

Please Answer the Following Questions

1. What qualities do you think are needed to be a good Care Group Leader?

2. How have you been involved in your local church?

3. How has Institute impacted your faith journey?

4. How would you incorporate the theme, This Is Our Prayer, into Care Group?

5. What are four words you would use to describe yourself?

6. Describe the key characteristics of a Christian leader.

Please attach a picture. This is not a beauty contest, but it is easier for us to identify who you are with a photo.

I commit to make Care Group Leadership a priority.

Youth Signature: _____

I support this youth applying to be a Care Group Leader.

Pastor/Youth Worker Signature: _____

I affirm my son/daughter's desire to be in leadership at Institute 2020: This Is Our Prayer. I will support him/her in carrying out the responsibilities of a Care Group Leader.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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

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