



# UMY Institute 2024

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 **Linked by Love!** It is our hope that 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 voluntary \$150.00 adult registration fee. This fee covers the cost of your meals for the week. Attendance at the spring UMY Institute staff training event is strongly recommended.

It is our hope that 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.

Grace and Peace,

Paul and Brenda Bauman Swank

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UMY Institute 2024: Linked By Love

June 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> (Staff Arrives June 23<sup>rd</sup>)

## Adult Staff Application

### Section I (please print)

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

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 summer Staff Training.**

**Institute staff members will arrive on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.**

I covenant to make Institute leadership a priority.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form to Paul and Brenda Swank.**

Paul and Brenda Bauman Swank, Care Group Staff Coordinators

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