

PORT NELSON YOUTH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2011-2012

November 24th, 2011

Dear

Thank-you for getting back to me about the confirmation program for the coming year. From the grade 9's that we have invited to be part of our group, six of you have responded "yes." Next fall, we will welcome others coming into grade 9.

As you know, Confirmation at Port Nelson is a two-year program. Our goal is to provide opportunities for you to explore your faith in discussion groups and as "faith in action." It is largely an experiential program. This year (2011-2012), the "faith in action" focus is on **reaching out**. Next year, in 2012-2013, the focus will be on **meaningful worship**. In the second year, you will also be paired with a **mentor** of your choosing - someone from the church family who walks with you on the journey.

Pinnacle Discussion Groups:

Most of you are participating in the Pinnacle program on Sunday mornings at 10.30am with Jay Poitras. **We expect all of you to participate in the majority of these.** This will form the discussion part of confirmation this year, covering a variety of topics relating to leadership. I will also join the group on occasion.

Faith in Action:

The following opportunities have now been finalized for us to explore reaching out in our community. **Please plan now to participate in these activities and book the time on your calendars!**

Thursday, December 22nd Wesley Centre
10.30am to 3.30pm

*We will work a shift at Wesley's "No Charge Christmas Store" in Hamilton. Arrangements will be made with your schools to excuse you from class for this outreach program. **You will be picked up at your school around 10.30am.***

Friday, January 20th Open House and Taize Prayer service at L'Arche Daybreak
5.45pm - 10.00 in Richmond Hill; Parents are welcome

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Sunday, February 19th Worship and Dinner at Wesley Centre
2.00 - 6.00

We will provide and serve the regular Sunday hot meal at Wesley Centre in downtown Hamilton. Meet in Port Nelson parking lot at 2pm. Several of our group will also take part in Wesley's worship service at 3pm. If you wish, you and your parents might like to contribute to the cost of the meal.

Friday, Feb. 24th Weekend Retreat at Five Oaks Centre in Paris, Ont.
to Sunday, Feb. 26th *Meet at Port Nelson Parking lot at 6.15pm on Feb. 24*

Returning to Port Nelson by 2pm on Feb. 26

We will meet with other youth from across the province who are also on their confirmation journeys

***Cost is \$75 per youth; please speak to Michael if the cost is a concern for you*

****Note: attendance at the retreat is required**

March Visit to Smith's Funeral Home followed by pizza supper
Date TBA

Saturday, March 31st Rehearsal for Palm Sunday service; lunch after
11am

Sunday, April 1st Palm Sunday Service
10am Helping lead worship

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Most importantly, please put these dates on your calendars, in your books, on your i-phones, on your bedroom wall - whatever it takes to make sure you can participate!

Take care,
Michael Brooks

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