

Charlotte Presbytery 30 Hour Famine Event Registration Packet

We are looking forward to seeing you and your Youth Group at the 30 Hour Famine event March 24-25, 2012!

Registration Deadlines:

February 1, 2012 - \$20 per participant

March 5, 2012 - \$30 per participant

Make checks payable to Presbytery of Charlotte.

There are several documents included in the registration packet – please be sure to read through each document carefully:

- Group Registration Form
- Participant Registration Form
- Permission Form
- Parent Letter (to be Edited and sent out by you to your parents)
- Leader FAQs

Instructions:

- Fill out one Group Registration Form per church
- Youth and Adults each fill out individual Participant Registration Form
- Youth and Adults each fill out and sign a Permission Form
- Edit and send out the Parent Letter to the parents of your Youth
- Carefully read the Leader FAQ's and contact us if you have any other questions!
- Return all completed registration forms and permission forms, along with payment in full to:

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Presbytery of Charlotte
 30 Hour Famine
 March 24-25, 2012
GROUP REGISTRATION

*Please fill out ONE form per Church and enclose all participant forms & payment.
 Each participant (Youth and Adult) must fill out a separate participant form.*

Workshops will be assigned based on date registration is received &
 availability. We will do our best to accommodate your choices.
 Please include a signed Covenant and separate Registration Form for EACH participant!

Church Name:			
Leader Contact (at event): Include cell phone #			
Back Home Contact (in case of emergency): Include cell phone #			
Total Participants	Middle School:	High School:	Adult:
Is this your first time bringing a group to 30 Hour Famine? Yes No			

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Office Use Only: Date Received: _____ Payment: _____
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Questions about registration? Please contact us!

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PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

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Participant Name:	
Church Name:	
Grade: (please circle) 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Adult	Special Dietary Needs:
Is this your first time attending the 30 Hour Famine? Yes No	Are you an elder? Yes No

Workshops							
Rate each column 1-6 with 1 being your first choice.							
You will participate in 3 workshops in Session A and 3 workshops in Session B.							
Adults – please select either MS or HS workshops to attend and participate.							
Middle School				High School			
Session A		Session B		Session A		Session B	
24/7 Prayer		Water World		Worship Planning		Bible Study	
Hear Stories		Yoga		Music		Yoga	
Music		Re-Cycle		Newsflash		Can-struction	
Tribe		Hungry Planet		Burrito Making		Ethical Eating	
Bible Study		Hunger Walk		Poverty Simulation		Empty Bowl (Pottery)	
Sandwich Kitchen		Bake Bread*		Bake Bread*		Famine Planning 2013	

*Because of the nature of the “Bake Bread” workshop, it will be offered at varying times throughout the day, not strictly in either Session A or B.

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30 Hour Famine

“A Fast that Lasts”

Sponsored by Presbytery of Charlotte

Permission Form

I give my permission for my child, _____, to participate in the 30 Hour Famine on March 24-25, 2012 (sponsored by the Presbytery of Charlotte at Myers Park Presbyterian Church). I do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless The Presbytery of Charlotte, Myers Park Presbyterian Church and all the representatives thereof from any and all liability, claims, or demands for personal injury, sickness, or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child-participant that occur while said child is participating in the above described trip or activity.

I attest that my child is in good physical condition and capable of fasting. There will be no meals served at this event. I understand that my child will be participating in various active games. Also, I understand that adult advisors from other congregations may drive my child to participate in a service project and in a worship exchange with another participating congregation. I authorize these persons to seek emergency medical attention if necessary.

My emergency contact information is:

My child has the following medical conditions or allergies:

Family Insurance Information:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Church Name: _____

Participant is in Middle School High School

30 Hour Famine FAQs For Leaders

1. What is the schedule for the weekend?

Saturday

Registration begins at 8:00 am, followed by an opening Keynote at 9:00 am. Most of the day on Saturday consists of workshops planned and led by an incredible group of folks who are passionate about Youth Ministry and passionate about the issues of hunger, homelessness and social justice. Woven in between the workshop times will be large group activities of service and recreation. We will end the day with the set up of our Cardboard Campout (See below “Sleeping Arrangements) and the showing of two movies: Jamaa (<http://jamaa.worldvision.org/about/the-film.html>) and Up (PG).

Sunday

On Sunday, we will worship together as a Famine Community. Worship will be lead by participating Charlotte Presbytery Pastors and Youth workers, as well as the High School students in the Worship Planning Workshop.

2. Where is the Famine? What are the sleeping arrangements?

The Famine is hosted by the Presbytery of Charlotte on the Myers Park Presbyterian Church campus. (2501 Oxford Place). The activities will take place on the campus of the church as well as at neighboring Queens University.

Our sleeping arrangements will be a “Cardboard Campout” outside on the campus of Myers Park Presbyterian Church. Each church will have a specifically assigned area of the cardboard campout in which to build, out of cardboard boxes, their “home” for the night. The purpose of this activity is a simulation of the conditions in which many of Charlotte’s homeless population experiences night after night. Please be sure that each student packs warm pajamas and sleeping bag. We are also asking that whatever each student packs, they plan to carry with him or her throughout the day. MPPC has hired professional security for the campus for the evening as we sleep outside. In the case of inclement weather, the Cardboard Campout will be moved inside.

3. How many chaperones do I need?

We ask that you bring one adult for every 6 kids. If you have both male and female youth attending, please bring male and female chaperones. We are expecting 300 youth representing 25 churches, so it is important that you have chaperones to be with your youth at all times. We’re excited by the great turnout, but need help to make it a meaningful experience for each participant. Please be sure to carry with you (or a designated chaperone) the medical forms and information required by your church.

4. Will my youth stay together or be divided into groups?

Youth will be divided up into small groups for workshops, but will stay with church groups for the all other events. This year we are asking all adult chaperones to also participate in workshops, as indicated on the participant registration form.

5. How does the whole fasting thing work?

It is up to the youth to determine how they will fast. Bread and juice will be available to everyone during breaks. No one will ever be told that they have had too much. There are

Dear Parents,

Your child is invited to participate in the Presbytery of Charlotte's 30-Hour Famine. This event will take place at Myers Park Presbyterian Church *Saturday and Sunday March 24-25*. The youth will participate in a modified fast for 30 of these hours. They will solicit sponsorships from their friends, family and neighbors. The funds they raise can be donated locally, to Loaves and Fishes, or to World Vision, an international relief agency.

FUNDRAISING is an important aspect of the 30 Hour Famine. But the Famine is much more than an opportunity to raise money for charity. It is a time for young people to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ as they fast and pray on behalf of those who suffer. Over 29,000 children die every day from hunger and hunger-related diseases. Yet the world produces enough food to feed everyone. While Americans and other Westerners diet to compensate for over-consumption, thousands of God's children starve to death. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to begin building the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth by confronting this tragedy and taking small Spirit-driven steps to change it. We can start by raising money to feed those who are in need. You can start small; just ask for a sponsorship of \$10—that will provide 40 meals for a person in Mecklenburg County! Please see (insert name of youth leader) to get a fundraising packet.

FASTING is an important part of this event. Not only is fasting a spiritual practice, it also allows youth to get a glimpse of what true hunger feels like—something the children they are serving through the famine battle every day. The average healthy person is able to go 30 hours without food without a problem. Each famine participant will design his/her own modified fast. There are 4 choices: juice, bread and water, water, and meals. Some will choose the **juice fast**, consuming 100% non-acidic fruit juices throughout the 30 hours. Others may decide on a **bread and water** fast; still others may choose to simply drink **water**. All participants will be monitored by their small group leaders and the on-site nurse. *A fast is a personal encounter between individual believers and God. Youth consumption of juice and bread will not be monitored. Participants will have continual access to bread and juice. No one will ever be told that they've had too much. Youth may also choose to consume regular **meals** in consultation with their advisors.*

The 30 Hour Famine is a time for youth to draw closer to God. The time before, during and after the fast has been carefully planned. Several local Presbyterian churches have joined together for the event. Youth will be divided into age specific groups and will participate in one of several service projects around the city of Charlotte, several small group bible studies, 'hands-on' hunger workshops where youth learn more about the root causes of world hunger and tools to fight it, group-building games, contemporary worship services, a prayer vigil, and much more. The first food the youth will eat as a group will be at communion on Sunday, March 25.

I hope you and your child will prayerfully consider participating in the 30 Hour Famine. If your child decides to participate, please be involved in decisions about fundraising goals, who and how to ask for sponsorships (we encourage youth to have a goal for how many people they will ask to sponsor them as well as how much money they would like to raise) and what type of fast to undertake.

We also need many, many parent volunteers. Please consider whether you can help out with:

- **Chaperone Shift:** Saturday morning, afternoon, or overnight; Sunday
- Shift as on-site Nurse

Please see me to volunteer.

Thank you so much for supporting the 30 Hour Famine! Several of our youth participated last year and had an incredible experience, so I hope you will be able to join us this year!! Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions. For more information on the 30 Hour Famine, check-out <http://www.30hourfamine.org>.

Peace,
(Insert Youth Leader Name)

30 Hour Famine FAQs For Leaders

water fountains available for those who choose to do a water fast. Each Famine participant will be provided a water bottle to carry and refill throughout the weekend. (If you have a young person with special dietary or medical needs, please be sure they indicate those needs on their Participant Registration Form).

6. What do we need to bring?

Please note: Whatever each participant brings, they will be expected to carry throughout the weekend. Instruct your students and adults to pack carefully!

Please Bring

- Wear comfortable clothing and shoes that can be played in, get dirty, and are weather appropriate.
 - Pajamas, appropriate for viewing by the opposite gender
 - Toiletries
 - Sleeping Bag, blanket,
 - Cardboard box and duct tape for Cardboard Campout*
- *boxes may be stored on your church bus, or, if labeled, dropped off at MPPC the week before the event.

You May Bring

- Notebook and pen
 - Bible
 - Pillow
 - Twin size or smaller camp mat or sleeping pad.
- Remember you will be carrying these items with you all weekend!

A Note about Electronics: This is an unplugged event. Youth may not have cell phones, personal computers, gaming devices, DVD players, etc. Should youth need to use a phone, they should see their adult leader. Youth may bring MP3 players (to be used solely by them and not shared) to be used only at bedtime. They should not be out at any other time during the event and are at a risk of loss.

Do Not Bring

- Gaming devices, PSPs, DVD Players
- Cell Phones
- Valuables
- Youth should not wear clothing that is too revealing or tight, advertises alcohol, tobacco products or other substances abusive to the body, contains language or images that ridicule a person's gender, sexuality, or geographic/ethnic origin

As we closer the event, more information will sent to the Registration Contact as indicated on the group registration form.