



## ***2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium Questions and Answers***

### ***What is the Presbyterian Youth Triennium and why should I care?***

The Triennium is a big gathering of Presbyterian youth, about 5,000 strong. The PCUSA partners with the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches and our overseas partners. The event is held every third year on the campus of Purdue University in Indiana. If you've looked for an event to nurture our youth, expose them to the church universal, and have fun, then Triennium is your answer. We all have a stake in nurturing our youth for the future of our church.

### ***When is Triennium?***

July 16-20, 2019. But registration starts in January and closes in March. Keep an eye on the presbytery website.

### ***Can my congregation's entire youth group go?***

You probably don't want that. The event really is meant for youth participants who have exhibited a maturity in their faith. Look at your group and identify the teenagers who are already emerging leaders. Those are the youth members who will benefit. We don't really set a limit on how many participants a congregation can send, other than we want to include as many congregations as possible. Teenagers who have finished the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades can participate.

### ***How much does it cost?***

We anticipate the cost to be \$600 per person. That includes room and board. Actually, it includes pretty much everything other than meals on the way. Participants stay in dorms on the Purdue campus. Charlotte Presbytery charters a bus, so the participants don't need to worry about transportation.

### ***Is there adult supervision?***

Oh yes. Each presbytery delegation is required to send an adequate number of adults. Dorms have supervising adults. And adult small group leaders are carefully selected and trained. (The youth really have no idea how many adults are watching them. But don't tell.)

### ***Is my church required to send an adult if one or two of our youth go?***

Not necessarily. The Ministry Resource Committee of the Presbytery will find the adults. But if an adult wants to go, the committee needs to know. There is a lot of responsibility AND a lot of fun.

### ***So I think there is a teenager in my church who would benefit. What happens next?***

You (or someone in your congregation) needs to talk to them. Use the word "nominate." You tell them you've seen their leadership skills and you'd like to nominate the youth for this cool event where they will deepen their faith, develop their skills, make friends, and have fun. Most churches choose to pay for or supplement the cost. Your congregation may be in the budget process now. So consideration of the cost needs to happen, too.

### ***How do I find out more?***

The website is [www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org](http://www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org). You'll find many videos on YouTube by querying "Presbyterian Youth Triennium." The videos help in getting a good notion of what happens at Triennium. And you can contact the Presbytery Registrar, Harry Greyard, at [harry@avondale.cc](mailto:harry@avondale.cc).