

## GUIDELINES FOR PAGES

1. Youth who have completed tenth grade by the spring of 2018, is a 2018 high school graduate, or a college student or graduate will have first priority.
2. Must attend the orientation session on Sunday, June 2 and remain throughout the entire Conference, Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 p.m. through Tuesday, June 4, 2018.
3. Must make own travel arrangements to and from Conference in Huntsville (Von Braun Center).
4. Must be willing to work at a variety of assignments including carrying luggage, delivering messages, assisting executive team, and early morning and late night assembling and distributing written materials, etc.
5. Must be willing to follow the rules set for the YPM Convocation and remain on campus unless given specific permission by an adult advisor.
6. Must be housed with the pages, YPM Members, and advisors.
7. Clothing will be modest and respectful at this Christian event. One set of dress clothes will be worn for ushering the Ordination service. Three Annual Conference t-shirts will be used while serving on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Appropriate dress includes fingertip length shorts, and Christian t-shirts. Conversely, inappropriate dress includes short shorts/ skirts, low-cut tops, stomach revealing tops, and t-shirts advertising sex, drugs, alcohol, etc. For safety reasons, shoes covering the entire foot are required while working. Please note, the plenary room of Conference is typically cold, so dress accordingly. Also, the Service of Ordination, Commissioning, and Licensing is on Monday evening and most attendees wear church-appropriate clothing.
8. Will need to bring the following personal items: clothes for four days and toiletries, pillow if desired.
9. Attending to personal cell phones and messaging are considered part of the work, but priority must be put on work or participation in conference over personal usage. The conference will not be responsible for lost/stolen cell phones.
10. Pages are NOT allowed to have visitors on campus. If you do have an unexpected visitor, he or she must report to one of the YPM Convocation adult advisors.
11. Remember, as a page or member, you represent the entire youth membership of North Alabama. We expect conduct and attire to be appropriate.
12. Youth can be sent home for breaking the covenant! When possible, adult advisors will always try to work out issues to the best of their ability, however, youth can be sent home for violent acts, sexual misconduct, drug and alcohol use, and/or continued disrespect to adult advisors and/or other youth or young adults.

## **GUIDELINES FOR YPM MEMBERS**

YPM (Young People's Ministries) members to Annual Conference are fully participating, voting members of Annual Conference. They sit on the floor of the Conference with other members. They must be willing to abide by the above guidelines. They must be FULL MEMBERS of a local United Methodist Church or Wesley Foundation. YPM Members are encouraged to speak and debate issues on the Conference floor.

YPM Members of the North Alabama Annual Conference are an important voice at the conference. They represent United Methodist youth all over the conference. As a YPM member, you will be expected to be present at all parts of the YPM Convocation: Plenary and legislation sessions, worship and fellowship. You will be expected to be an active part of setting policy and addressing critical issues, so we expect you to have read your Annual Conference information when it arrives in the Spring.

As a YPM Member, you will also be expected to represent yourself at the highest standard. YPM Members will adhere to the rules and schedule. We should look, sound and act in a way that is reflective of the honor we have been given by being part of this process. The convocation as a whole will be a positive, uplifting group of individuals loving God and loving people. Even in disagreement, we will treat all people with the respect and love that Jesus has shown us.

As a YPM Member, if there is something you do not understand, we expect you to ask. To be an informed member of the broader convocation, you need to understand what is happening so that you can honestly and accurately reflect your opinions and what you believe the opinions of the youth of North Alabama would be.

Lastly, as a YPM Member, we expect you to be open to the life-changing experience you are about to undertake. This experience will be educational, spiritual, formative and fun. You will learn about how the church as a whole functions and changes. You will be present in worship unlike you have ever experienced before. You will find yourself challenged and encouraged to do try new things. You will meet other teens and adults from around the conference, brought together by a love of Christ and a desire to build God's Kingdom in North Alabama. This experience will change you if you let it.