



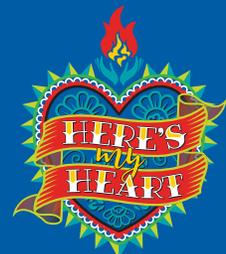
ADULT ADVISOR GUIDE



We loved you so much that we delighted in sharing
with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as
well, because you had become so dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:8

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PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2019



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ADVISOR MEETING

Tuesday, July 16 • 7 p.m.
Lobby of your residence hall

*Adult advisors are **REQUIRED** to attend a brief Adult Advisor Meeting in their respective residence halls. Led by the Community Life Staff, this meeting will be an opportunity to be acquainted with guidelines and practices for healthy community life in the residence halls and to clarify questions about Adult Advisor roles at the event.*

PLEASE BRING A COPY OF THIS GUIDE WITH YOU.

(You can download the PDF from the PYT website.)



Adult Advisor

GENERAL OVERVIEW



PURPOSE

- To accompany PYT youth participants in their overall event experience, serving as a Christian mentor, guide, protector, and advocate.
- To encourage PYT youth participants and other adult advisors to fully experience the event, participating in activities, making a way for youth to offer their thoughts, and approaching the event with fresh eyes. **See and experience the Triennium as if for the first time.**
- To pray for and counsel youth participants, serving them with humor, patience, hospitality, firmness, and faithfulness.
- To help PYT leadership create a safe and healthy community. Watch for signs of trouble and signs of wonder. Participate in the activities, conversations, discipline, as well as moments of celebration.
- To encourage all participants to care for themselves by taking seriously the times for rest, food, fun, worship, and networking.
- To lead your delegation's DELEGATION GROUP devotion on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the event.
- To assist members in your delegation (youth and adult) when they need medical attention. Work with your residence hall Conference Dean to assess and attend to participants' needs. Accompany your delegation members to the EMT station or hospital as necessary.
- To help your delegation members experience the event in a positive manner. Look for and listen to God's guidance throughout the event, in loud and quiet moments, positive and negative experiences. Look for what is good and holy in each experience and how this goodness might be applied in your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Because the young people in your delegation know and trust you, you are the person to whom they will turn first for help, comfort, and acceptance. Many times, your calm and reassuring presence will be all they need. In critical moments, they will depend on you to help them get additional help through the Community Life staff in your residence hall.
- This is a first-time experience for most of the young people you are accompanying. Do not compare past events to the present experience. Resist the temptation to create a critiquing community; covenant to create a participating community.

- Find time to have fun yourself! Grab a soda with another Adult Advisor. Snag some shade in the middle of campus and read a magazine. Visit the Prayer Center and reclaim your inner Child of God. Visit the Adult Advisor Lounge and put your feet up!
- Be mindful of cell phones at official Triennium activities. Cell phones should NOT be in use during official activities such as small groups or worship unless there is a community invitation to use cell phones or social media. For adult advisors this is also important. If you expect participants to abide by the guidelines then you should do so as well. This is especially critical during worship. The Elliott Hall of Music, where services take place, is a large, dark theater. A bright screen is very distracting to those trying to lead or engage in worship.
- Offer youth who need some attention or care to talk with you or others in a safe and open area. You should never be alone with a young person. Conversations and prayer must be held in a public setting. Youth and adults are not allowed in each other's sleeping rooms. The exception to this rule would be if a Check-In Group is meeting, as a group, in someone's room.
- Visit the Adult Advisor Lounge, a special space set aside just for you! Adult Advisors work hard at PYT! We want to thank you, pamper you, and offer you a cool space in PMO 118 to relax, revive and feel cared for. Visit the PYT Adult Advisor Lounge during specified hours, found on the insert in the Participant Packet you will receive upon arrival. Snacks, email/social media stations, comfy places to rest your body/brain, and other fun surprises. The Adult Advisor Lounge is sponsored by the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association and welcomes all registered adults serving as volunteers at PYT.

EVENING CHECK-IN GROUPS

11:00 PM on your residence hall floor!

One of your primary responsibilities is to meet at 11 p.m. each night with a small group of young people on your residence hall floor. We are grateful for your role in this process that assures each participant is in his or her assigned room each evening. This is essential to our goal of maintaining a safe and healthy community. May this time be a gift of grace for you and the participants as you reflect briefly on your day and pray together.



GETTING YOUR CHECK-IN GROUP TOGETHER

You will be given a list of members of your Check-In Group on the first day. The Community Life team will create these groups using the housing rosters provided by Purdue. Please make sure that young people do not switch groups. This will slow down the process of accounting for everyone each evening.

Make sure that, prior to 11 p.m. on the first night, you contact the people on your list and agree where you will meet with your group. Introduce yourself to the other adult advisors on your hall or wing. You will be partners in facilitating this simple but important experience each evening.

Please take your list to the lobby by 11:45 p.m. each evening to report to the Residence Hall Coordinators that everyone is accounted for.

WHO IS IN YOUR CHECK-IN GROUP?

Every person at Triennium is a member of a Check-In Group. Your group will have at least one adult advisor (there may be more, but at least one!) and no more than ten youth participants who live on the same floor. **It is possible that there will be youth from different delegations in a group.**

CURFEW POLICY

The Triennium curfew policy is for all PYT participants. Curfew is a covenant issue.

10:30 PM *All participants must be inside their assigned Residence Halls*

11:00 PM *All participants must be in their assigned Check-In Groups*

11:30 PM *Lights out!*

11:45 PM *Adult Advisor takes roster to the Residence Hall Coordinator in the lobby*

SUGGESTED CHECK-IN GROUP GATHERING PROCESS

Joining in evening prayer with a small group from your hall will give you and the young people a chance to connect with each other and to share joys and concerns. Please note that the daily Delegation Groups are the time designated to reconnect in prayerful ways with your own young people. Check-In Groups will likely include young people who are new to you, but whose need to be accounted for is equally important.

- 1** Complete the Check-In Roster. The names have been previously selected and the roster has been created for you.
- 2** Share joys and concerns quickly. Invite members of your group to share their observations about their day. Commit these reflections to God through prayer.

- 3** Return to rooms and "Lights Out" at 11:30 p.m. Make sure each participant is in her or his assigned room.
- 4** Share your completed roster with the Residence Hall Coordinator in the lobby by 11:45. Missing persons are reported at this time.

Safety & Emergency

GUIDELINES FOR ADULT ADVISORS



As an adult advisor, you will be in tune to the youth of your delegation, your check-in group, and perhaps other participants with whom you come in contact through small groups or recreation events. Stay alert to problems before they become problems. Take responsibility for stopping inappropriate and dangerous behavior & language (in youth and adults) wherever and whenever it occurs!

- Carry your Pocket Schedule in your name badge. It includes emergency instructions and the PYT office and emergency phone numbers.
- Contact your Residence Hall Coordinator and/or Conference Dean immediately if you or a member of your delegation is ill or injured.
- Write down the name and number of your RHC and Conference Dean immediately after checking in. Carry them in your name badge wallet and enter them in your cell phone.
- Make sure all the participants in your group have a way to contact you. Please make sure that youth know to inform you first of an illness or injury. We suggest that you be the one to call parents if a young person is sick or injured.
- In the event that you discover a youth or adult participant using an illegal substance, please notify your RHC or Conference Dean immediately. Purdue is a mandatory report campus.
- Keep a list of cell phone numbers of the members of your traveling delegation as well as the young people in your Check-In Group. This could be helpful in an emergency.
- At large outdoor events please encourage participants to remain safely in the event venue (such as at Slayter Amphitheater & Memorial Mall). The streets around these areas are sometimes not well-lit or become more residential in nature and are not regularly patrolled by campus police.

• Remind your delegation members about the emergency call boxes all over campus (more than 300 of them!). If they are lost or feel at risk, they should push the button on any call box and explain the situation to the dispatcher. Purdue police WANT our participants to use these boxes to maintain safety throughout the event. Or, they can also call 911 from a cell phone for a quick and helpful response.

- There are several large fountains on campus. While participants are welcome wade through the water, **THEY MAY NOT CLIMB ANY OF THESE STRUCTURES.** Please help prevent potentially serious injury by discouraging any participants who are climbing on the fountains.

YOUTH ABUSE PREVENTION AND CARE

All PYT participants (youth and adult) are expected to follow the “Rule of 2-to-1.” During any situation there should be at least two youth and one adult present, or two adults and one youth present. Youth and adults should not be alone, 1-to-1, in any room, classroom, or office. If a 1-to-1 situation is absolutely unavoidable, the adult should take care to keep the situation public (doors open, another adult notified and aware of the meeting, documentation in the Critical Incident Log, etc.) The 2-to-1 rule is in effect for all situations (before or after small groups, in the residence halls, in the dining courts, at recreation events, if someone has to leave worship, or go to the hospital). Youth and adults will maintain different showering and grooming hours in the residence hall bathrooms and shower rooms. These hours are posted in the residence halls (denominational policy).

If emergency or medical transport is necessary, the 2-to-1 rule should be practiced.

Small Group Leaders and Adult Advisors should sit in a public place, such as a residence hall lobby, a common area, a mall, a place with other people in close proximity, if they would like to pray together, talk, or share ideas.

If anyone, youth or adult, finds themselves in a situation where they feel alarm, distress, danger, or coercion from another person (youth or adult) they should contact their Residence Hall Coordinator or Conference Dean immediately. Or, they can come to the PYT office and ask to speak to the PYT staff or a conference pastor. Care will be taken to talk with both parties and to seek a way to provide appropriate follow-up and support. These instructions must be shared with youth and adults in an official capacity (e.g., orientation meeting, pre-event meeting).

Adults shall not encourage or suggest situations where they are alone with young people in an isolated space (ex. “take a walk” or “get a ride”). If a young person approaches an adult and asks to talk, pray, or walk, adults are asked to suggest to the young person that they might meet “outside” or in a lobby, or another place that is public.

Physical contact between youth and adults should be limited to appropriate youth/adult contact: side hugs. NO lap sitting, NO pinning down, tackling, or wrestling.

An adult should never share inappropriate materials, images, statements, jokes or body language with a youth or any other PYT participant.

A youth participant should never share inappropriate materials, images, statements, jokes or body language with each other or with adults.

An adult should never invite a young person into his/her sleeping room, car, bus, van, or any other private location.

If an inappropriate meeting is observed by another PYT participant, the observer should immediately contact their Conference Dean or Residence Hall Coordinator with this information.

Adults **SHOULD NOT** text, email, or call with private messages or invitations. Communication following the Triennium should remain public or semi-public (e.g., Small Group Facebook page) unless they are responding to a direct question.

Adults and youth should not share residence hall sleeping rooms. The exception to this rule is for the occasional caregiver/youth situation. If a youth participant requires a caregiver/para, the PYT National registrar will need written permission from the youth’s parent/guardian.

PYT participants are asked to conduct themselves with extraordinary decorum, patience, and modesty while attending the event and while traveling to and from the event.

For more information about the youth protection and abuse prevention please see the documents under the RESOURCES tab of the Triennium website:

www.PresbyterianYouthTriennium.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2019/05/PYT-Code-of-Conduct.pdf

Delegation Group

INFORMATION



If you are attending the Triennium as an adult advisor you are part of a “delegation,” a group of participants sent by your presbytery or church to attend the Triennium and to impact the church and the world on behalf of Jesus Christ. There are many experiences during the five days of Triennium that will inspire you and the youth in your delegation. It is the time together in your delegation that is, perhaps, most profound and significant. This is the group that travels together, dines together and impacts the communities represented by your fellow delegates after the event. This is your Delegation Group.

You will meet with your Delegation Group in many informal ways throughout the Triennium. You will also have dedicated time and a simple reflection guide designed to enhance your delegation’s experience and debriefing of the event. Your Delegation Group will meet 3 times during the event. On the schedule you will see Delegation Group times on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Your group will be assigned to either Delegation Group A or Delegation Group B. You will know this when you check in on opening day.

LOCATION ASSIGNMENT

If your group has 20 or fewer members, you are free to find a shady spot on campus, some tables at a nearby café, or any informal spot. If your group is larger than 20 people you will be assigned a Delegation Group space. This is to help larger groups facilitate the process since it is more difficult to communicate location instructions to a larger group. Larger Delegation Groups will receive their location assignments in early July through the National Registrar.

Delegation groups should feel free to divide into smaller conversation groups within their full delegation. Many reflection-based exercises are more effective, emotionally safe and enjoyable when the group is smaller.

PRINTED GUIDE

Adult Advisors will be provided with a printed Delegation Guide. This guide will be available online as well. The Guide gives a very simple, 30-45 minute reflection process designed to help delegations debrief the Triennium experience. This is a simple, suggested process. It is not a curriculum or a complex lesson plan. It is designed to be used

with no supplies and in very flexible locations. The Delegation Group process can be led by youth and adults.

MEETING TIME

Delegation groups are asked to meet together using the Delegation Guide for a minimum of 30 minutes. If you need more time, or simply wish to spend more time with the exercises in the Guide, you are welcome to do so! After doing the exercise in the Guide, Delegation Groups can visit the Exhibit Hall, the Prayer Center, or other nearby venues. This is a time to enjoy the fellowship of your traveling group. Delegation groups are a reflection on past event evaluations on which participants expressed a desire for more time with their delegations.

Adult Learning Track

OPPORTUNITIES



On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Triennium during Small Group A Session and repeated during Small Group B Session adults can opt to attend the Adult Learning Track. This special 90 minute class is geared for youth ministry volunteers, youth ministry leaders, educators, pastors and anyone interested in exploring emerging ideas and conversations focused around Christian faith formation with youth in the church.

The PYT Adult Learning Track is the opportunity of a lifetime for the adult advisor who could use or would enjoy some focused, professionally planned and led continuing education focused on the Christian faith formation of youth.

There will be 2 Daily Sessions offered to Adult Advisors and Observers. These optional sessions are FREE OF CHARGE and offered as a way to provide quality, vital training and engagement for Presbyterian church youth leaders.

INTERGENERATIONAL YOUTH MINISTRY

Cultivating Faith in Young People through Intergenerational Holy Moments

For far too long, youth ministry has been characterized as a bunch of young people with a couple of adults journeying with them (in a dank basement with old furniture). New findings suggest, however, that having multiple generations together while ministering to youth can help form Christian identity more effectively. Framed through the notion of “intergenerational holy moments,” this three-day workshop explores how cultivating IG moments helps anchor a deeper faith and a multi-layered understanding of Christian community. Join the staff of the Office of Christian Formation at the Presbyterian Mission Agency as we delve into this rich topic and explore a fuller vision for the church and the future of youth ministry.

The Adult Learning Track will be offered daily on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Triennium. One 90-minute session daily – with the morning’s session repeated each day for Group B.

SCHEDULE BY GROUP

Group A

(Those assigned to Group A small group sessions)

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Thursday 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Friday 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Group B

(Those assigned to Group B small group sessions)

Wednesday 11:00 AM - 12:30 AM
Thursday 11:00 AM - 12:30 AM
Friday 2:00 PM - 3:30 AM



SPEAKER BIOS



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