

ITEM D.201 **FOR INFORMATION**

2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium Report and Updates

Background: The next Youth Triennium (PYT) will be held July 19-23, 2016 at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. This report is for information purposes. The report contains updates related to planning, budget, registration and leadership.

Planning

In March 2016 the Production Team met in Henryville, Indiana for their second meeting. The Coordinating Team (senior coordinators of the Triennium team) met prior to the full production team meeting and previously in September 2015. The Production Team is made up of youth, young adults and adult youth workers from the PC (USA) and Cumberland PC churches. Working with the 2016 theme "GO" (see attached flyer) the teams finalized event activities, took a day trip to Purdue University to tour the various activity venues and met with specific Purdue staff with whom the members of the production team will work closely. Staff from TFE (Ray Jones and Simone Andrade-Adams) joined the Coordinating team on Friday, March 4th to review the Triennium budget and corresponding planning documents and deadlines. The Coordinators are responsible for preparing Spending Plans - an outline of projected expenses for their specific ministry team (area of planning in the PYT structure). The Coordinators were also given Supply Request forms and oriented about supply policies and processes within the PMA.

The Coordinating Team and PYT team will meet at Purdue in May, 2016 for a final "walk through" of all event needs (staging, supplies, security, Banquet Event Orders or BEOs, shipping and registration).

Compliance

A team of PMA staff, led by the PYT Administrator and PYT administrative staff, meet monthly to review event updates, budget, purchasing and expenses, contractual questions, and other event and Shared Service functions related to the Triennium. This PYT "Table" includes PMA staff who represent the following areas: Finance and Accounting, Internal Audit, Legal Services, TFE leadership team, and PYT staff.

Contract

PYT leadership and PMA staff from the Legal department, GA Meeting Services and Finance and Accounting offices, and Internal Audit worked together to review and execute the contract with Purdue University. The contract has been fully executed. Two pre-event deposits will be made before the event opens. The contract reflects new financial, purchasing and registration procedures being followed by PYT through the PMA Shared Services, Finance and Accounting and Legal Services.

Agreement with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

PYT staff in conjunction with Legal Services worked together to develop a covenant/partnership agreement that outlines the administrative and financial expectations of the two sponsoring denominations of the Triennium. Per the request of the PMA Audit Committee this agreement has been created and shared with the PYT staff representative from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The partnership between the two sponsoring denominations is most significantly visible in the planning and leadership representation of the event. The Cumberland Church has approximately 120-150 paying participants at the Triennium while the PCUSA makes up the majority of paying participants.

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Registration

Registration opened on February 1, 2016. Overall the registration system is performing. There have been several technical problems that have placed hurdles in the process for the registrars - but staff from PMA/IT have been responsive to both the National Registrar and the delegation registrars in efforts to manage the issues and troubleshoot. As of today (date on which this report is being written), March 10, 2016, there are approximately 1500 participants registered for the event. This is on target with registration totals from previous events. There are 256 registrars who are managing registration for their delegation. Registrars are volunteers who work to recruit participants, manage arrangements (transportation, fund raising, and promotion) and train adult advisors (chaperones). Registration at the regular conference rate continues through the end of May. There will be two weeks of Late Registration. Registration closes completely on June 10th. The registration data will be transferred to the Purdue Conferences and Housing Division on June 17th. Delegations will receive their housing assignments from Purdue in early July.

Risk Management and Safety in Sacred Spaces


A new Policy and Procedure document and process for Background Checks was created by PYT and Legal Services staff. The document was shared with all Triennium Registrars and posted on the Triennium website in December 2016. All adults attending the event (volunteers, leaders, adult advisors) must have a completed and approved background check. PYT staff are managing the Background Check process - working with Praesidium, Inc. to run the reports, review the reports and manage the data. The Triennium Adult Advisor Guide has been written by the Triennium Administrator with the input of the Community Life team. This booklet is made available to all adult advisors and Triennium registrars. Registrars are asked and expected to meet with their adult advisors prior to the event to review the Adult Advisor Guide and to discuss the theological and practical roles of serving as an adult advisor alongside youth at the Triennium. The Adult Advisor Guide is also reviewed onsite on opening night of the event - with all adults at a mandatory Adult Advisor Welcome and Orientation.

Leadership

All Triennium leadership, both volunteer and paid, has been secured. The preachers and their bios are featured on the Triennium website under the EVENT tab. Approximately 278 volunteers have been invited to serve in planned roles at the event. Most volunteers will arrive on Sunday, July 17th, two days prior to opening day on July 19th. Volunteers undergo pre-event orientation and worship - as well as work to prepare hundreds of event activities and venues.

The event will offer a number of special events, in addition to the Triennium schedule, designed to engage adults and youth in discipleship training and experiences related to servant leadership, Presbyterian mission, advocacy and compassionate service, theological education and Christian spiritual practice. The Triennium exhibit hall, THE CROSSROADS is expected to present interactive spaces for youth to learn about Presbyterian mission, justice, service and leader development.

The Triennium Production Team and Coordinating Team covet your prayers for their leadership, preparation and share their excitement with the Board for the Holy Spirit's work among young Presbyterians before, during and after the Triennium.



2016 PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH
Triennium
Information Sheet

Date: Tuesday, July 19 – Saturday, July 23, 2016

Location: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Audience: High School Age youth and accompanying adult advisors
(Entering freshmen through graduated seniors; adult advisors must be 21 years of age).

Theme: GO
GO and See
GO and Do Likewise
Teach me the way I should GO
Let my people GO
GO into the world

Registration: Registration will open in January 2016 and will conclude in early May 2016.

Fee: \$505.00 per person (includes housing, meals, program costs)

Website: www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org

Delegations:
A participant attends the Triennium in a delegation. Delegations can be PRESBYTERY delegations or CHURCH delegations. Most participants come with their presbytery in a PRESBYTERY DELEGATION. But churches can also come as a delegation. For more information visit the Triennium website and click on REGISTRATION to consult the documents related to Delegations and Registration. Contact the National PYT Registrar at pytregistrar@pcusa.org or 1-800-728-7228 ext. 5049.

Help them GO!
Triennium is a life giving, life changing, faith moving experience! As the world changes, society shifts – and the church expands – the need for vibrant young Presbyterians grows. Help your young people GO to the next great place in their faith!

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