



Application for General Council Youth Forum 2018

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION BY: NOVEMBER 10, 2017

Youth Forum of the United Church of Canada is where you can:

- learn about and get involved with the national United Church of Canada
- participate in a strong, faith filled community
- have a voice in the decisions of the 43rd General Council
- meet others from across the country
- help form a network of youth nationally
- develop leadership skills
- share what you've learned with others

Travel, accommodation and registration fees will be covered for those chosen as youth delegates to the National Youth Forum Winter Gathering, and as Commissioners and Youth Forum Delegates to 43rd General Council of the United Church. Youth delegates and commissioners are required to attend the entirety of the events for which they have been selected.

Full Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ **Cell Phone Number:** _____

Birth Date (please note that you must be between the ages of 15-18 in 2017) _____

Church: _____

Presbytery (please circle one): North Bay Spirit Dancing Sudbury

I am available and interested in attending:

- National Youth Forum Winter Gathering - (five youth from Manitou Conference ages 15-18 will be selected to attend the National Youth Forum Winter Gathering at Five Oaks Centre in Paris, ON - February 16-19/2018)
- Manitou Youth Forum (spring 2018 date tbd) and Manitou General Meeting, North Bay ON (Oct. 19-20/2018)
- Summer Pilgrimage – one commissioner will be selected from Manitou Conference delegation to National Youth Forum Winter Gathering. Summer Pilgrimage is anticipated to take place across Canada for July and August 2018
- 43rd General Council of the United Church of Canada, Oshawa ON – July 21-28/2018 **General Council Commissioners must be available to be recalled for further meeting(s) until the next General Council takes place [anywhere from 3-5 years]*

I am:
A full member of my local United Church.

not yet a member of my local United Church, but in the process.

not a member of my local United Church, and no plans to be. **In order to attend the General Council as a commissioner, you must be a full member of the United Church of Canada*

Please send a letter of interest including your responses to the following questions:

1. A short biography of yourself, what you are passionate about, what you are inspired by, a little about your family and life outside the Church.
2. Why is the United Church of Canada important to you?
3. What interests you about being a delegate to the General Council Youth Forum?
4. In what ways have you been involved in the life of your local church and community? *(Include experiences such as youth group, church committees, volunteering, community service, etc.)*
5. How have you been involved in the United Church regionally, nationally or globally? *(Include experiences such as regional youth group, Manitou Youth Forum, Worshiplude, Rendez-vous, United Church Camps, etc.)*
6. For you, what is the most important issue in the United Church of Canada today? Why?
7. What gifts will you bring to the National Youth Forum Winter Gathering? What do you hope receive from the National Youth Forum Winter Gathering?
8. Anything else you think will help us in our decision making to fill the 5 positions

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian *(if under 18):* _____

After completing the form and signing it, pass it on to your sponsor (local church board member, minister, or youth minister/leader) who will complete the rest of the form and submit it to Manitou Conference.

To be completed by your sponsor

(From your congregation or presbytery)

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ **Cell Phone Number:** _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

(minister, youth leader, board member, etc.)

Do you support the above application? _____

Please attach your response to the following question:

1. In your opinion, what gifts would the applicant contribute to the National Youth Forum Winter Gathering?
2. What would they contribute to the 43rd General Council?
3. How would they benefit from these experiences?

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