

YOUTH FORUM COVENANT

We are not alone, we live in God's world!

Wherever two or three are gathered, God is present! (Matthew 18:20)

When we gather, we have responsibilities:
Towards ourselves
Towards the others with whom we gather, and
Towards God.



Participant Name: _____

As a participant of the Maritime Conference Youth Forum 2017 community, I will participate in following the standards described in this document, and the standards that will be collectively created when the Youth Forum 2017 community gathers. I recognize that Youth Forum is intended to be a time of growth, both educationally and spiritually, as well as a time of fun. To benefit my own experience, and to respect that of other participants' and staff, I accept and agree to be willing to participate in the entire weekend.

Community in Action: When a group names and agrees to its shared responsibilities, it takes ownership and pride in creating a responsible and caring event by setting standards that are agreeable to all.

Living in Solidarity and Building Healthy Connections: Living in solidarity means that we will recognize our responsibility for helping to build a strong community. Certain behaviours contribute to the health of a community, while others can be unsafe and can create unhealthy tensions and breakdown in community.

As participants of Youth Forum 2017, we will celebrate the incredible diversity of Youth Forum's participants and strive to not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, culture, colour, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, abilities, age, class, and theological beliefs. We expect that all participants will work towards making Youth Forum 2017 free of discrimination and exclusion.

Statement of Commitment: To participate in YF17, I will accept and agree to live by the following standards:

I choose to commit to all of the standards in this covenant.

I choose not to consume alcohol, even if I am of legal drinking age.

I choose not to use illicit drugs.

I choose not to engage in sexual activities.

I choose not to use verbal or physical violence or to bully others.

I will uphold the laws of New Brunswick and Canada

I will respect the Mt. A Campus and its employees.

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Cell Phone Policy: I will only use my phone when not engaged in Youth Forum 2017 activities. I will respect the engagement of the Home Group and Large Group space by keeping my phone away, or following rules as agreed on in my Home Group space.

I commit to upholding these standards for the duration of the Youth Forum 2017 event, including travel to and from its location. I understand that should I fail to adhere to these standards I may be removed from participation in the group, and/or my parents/guardians contacted and my time at Youth Forum to be terminated.

Participant Signature: _____ **Date**_____

17 Years Old and Younger

If you are 17 years old or younger, please read this Youth Forum Covenant with your parent or guardian.

Parent/Guardian: Please sign below to indicate that you have read this Covenant, have ensured that the participant understands its content, and understand your responsibility if the standards are broken.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date**_____

CONSENT(S) _____

The parent(s) / guardian give consent for the leaders at YF/IAC to give their child over the counter medication should they suffer a general malady? i.e. headaches, upset stomach, etc. _____
(signature of parent/guardian)

Most teens post photos / videos to social media sites on a regular basis. If you would prefer your son/daughter's photo not be taken, we ask you to educate them about refusing to be in photos and /or self-advocating to not be identified in photos.

I have read and understood the above. _____ (signature of parent/guardian)

There will be photos/videos taken of participants on behalf of the church with the intentions of creating content for Maritime Conference, Youth Forum and IAC. Names and identifying information will not be used in these situations. If you would prefer your son/daughter's photo not be taken, we ask again that you to educate them about refusing to be in photos including group photos.

I have read and understood the above. _____ (signature of parent/guardian)

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