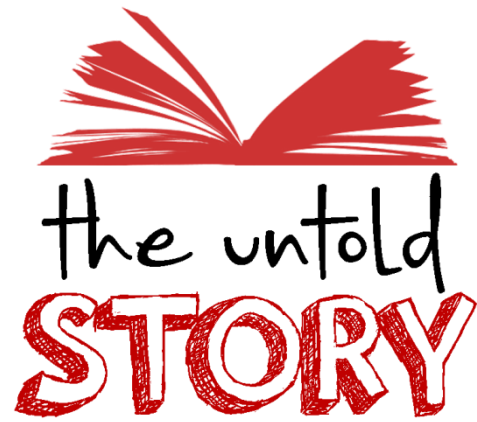


ACC Fall Youth Retreat
September 15-17, 2017
Refreshing Mountain Camp, Stevens PA

Details for Fall Retreat 2017

Resource & Spiritual Theme:

Our resource speakers this year will be Nelson Okanya, President, and Andrew Mashas, Church Relations and Development Coordinator of Eastern Mennonite Missions.



Nelson Okanya was born and raised in Kenya, Nelson interacted with the Kenya Mennonite Church and the EMM mission community in Nairobi. He is fluent in English, Kiswahili, and Luo. He has participated in numerous short-term cross-cultural mission experiences; he and his wife, Jessica, served at the Mennonite Theological College of Eastern Africa in 2004. He most recently served as the lead pastor at Capital Christian Fellowship in Lanham, Maryland. Nelson and Jessica are the parents of two young sons, Barak and Izak.



Andrew Mashas was raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania where his parents were witnessed to and discipled by EMM church planters. He is a graduate of Bloomsburg University and served in various short term missions experiences in Bangladesh and Nepal. He and his wife, Hilary, and baby son, Theodore, live in Lancaster and attend Sunnyside Mennonite Church.

Nelson and Andrew will share on the theme of *The Untold Story*. Living in a world with so much chaos and brokenness, injustice and violence, while being told to chase the American dream does not seem like the life and world Jesus calls us to live and create. He calls us to another story, one of redemption and hope. It's time we as disciples of Jesus reclaim that other story by crossing cultures, engaging the world, and making disciples of Jesus.

The ACC Youth Committee is excited that Nelson and Andrew are available to share with us, and believe this retreat will be a wonderful time for youth and leaders.

Cost: \$110 per person - youth and leaders.

Forms:

1. *Registration Form*: submit to the ACC office with payment by September 1st
2. *Activities Release & Waiver Form*: Camp requires this form to use the facilities. Should be handed in for each youth and leader at registration on Friday night.
3. *Medical Release Form*: To be kept with youth leaders in the event that one of your youth would require medical assistance during the weekend. This is a template for you to use.
4. *Congregational Youth Event Verification form*: must be signed by youth leader/chaperones after the necessary clearances have been filed with the church. Should be handed in by registration on Friday night.

5. *Youth Events Volunteer Covenant*: To be signed by a congregational representative after the necessary clearances for each youth leader attending the Fall Retreat have been filed with the church. Must be submitted to ACC Office prior to the retreat.

For facility information, a view of the camp and directions visit www.refreshingmountain.com

Weekend Schedule:

Please arrive between 7:00-8:45 pm Friday evening. Our first worship session will be held at 9 pm. The weekend will conclude Sunday at 11:30 am after our last worship session...the final meal is Sunday morning breakfast. A final schedule will be available at registration Friday night. A "draft copy" is attached.

Weekend Features:

- Daily Worship & Resource times
- Ice Cream Social & school-kit bagging project
- Friday evening meeting with youth leaders immediately following campfire
- Saturday afternoon tournaments: 4v.4 volleyball & 3v.3 basketball
- Zipline, Climbing Wall, Giant Swing & Peddle Carts
- Late night open gym times
- Sunday morning youth leader meeting during breakfast
- Small group time...Saturday morning/evening, Sunday morning after worship.
- Saturday evening Coffee house/talent show will be combined with our snack time. **Please talk to your youth now and encourage them to participate!**

What to Bring:

--Bibles
--Bedding (sleeping bag or sheets/blanket)
--pillow
--swimsuit (modest one-piece)
--snacks/drinks to share
--flashlight
--washcloth, towel, toiletries

--Medical Release Forms

--Activities Release & Waiver Forms

--Volunteer Covenant Form (leaders)

--Each youth group should bring s'mores ingredients for Friday night and snacks & drinks to share for Saturday night

Registration deadline: September 1

Our ACC Youth Committee hopes that you will attend. We thank you for loving youth and giving so freely of your time to encourage them in life. Pray for this event; that those who attend will be encouraged, challenged, and inspired to commit to/continue the "journey of faith in Jesus."



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Please pray for our time together!