

ACC Fall Youth Retreat
September 14-16, 2018
Refreshing Mountain Camp, Stevens PA

Details for Fall Retreat 2018

Resource & Spiritual Theme:



Our resource speaker this year will be Minister Melody M. Pannell. Melody was born and raised in Harlem, New York City to a Caucasian Mother and an African – American Father. Growing up, she attended Seventh Avenue Mennonite Church in Harlem, where she learned about Anabaptist Theology.

It is her life mission to embody practical theology through the values and ethics of social work and encourage those that she serves to engage in a transformative journey of “emancipatory hope in action” and empowerment through holistic, therapeutic and restorative ministry.

Currently, Minister Pannell serves as a Full - Time Tenure - Track Assistant Professor of Social Work in the Department of Applied Social Sciences and Chairperson for the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, returning back to her undergraduate alma mater, Eastern Mennonite University. She was also recently appointed as the Chairperson for the Religious Affairs Committee of the Harrisonburg - Rockingham County NAACP.

Melody M. Pannell has served in the field of Social Work, Higher Education and Christian Ministry for over 25 years. Melody graduated from Eastern Mennonite University, receiving her Bachelors in Social Work and Youth Ministry. She also holds a Masters in Social Work from Fordham University in New York City and a Masters of Divinity and Masters of Arts in Christian Education degree from The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in 2015.

The ACC Youth Committee is excited that Melody is 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 August 29th**
2. *Activities Release & Waiver Form:* Camp requires this form to use the facilities. Should be handed in for each youth 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
- Friday evening meeting with youth leaders immediately following campfire
- Elevated obstacle course
- Zipline and Climbing Wall at night
- 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: August 29

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!