ATTENTION YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

Get ready for Festival of Faith 2019! Enclosed are all the materials needed for you to register your youth group. So here’s the process:

- **STEP 1:** Copy Materials for youth and parents and for potential chaperones. START RECRUITING NOW!
- **STEP 2:** Complete Space Request and Deposit form and send it and your deposit check, postmarked by JANUARY 18, 2019, to Illinois South Conference. Make checks payable to Illinois South Conference.
- **STEP 3:** Complete and compile remaining forms.
- **STEP 4:** When your Group Allocation/Registration form arrives, complete and mail it, along with a single check for all participants AND the entire group’s registration forms, to the Illinois South Conference, postmarked by FEBRUARY 4, 2019.

**Forms which need to be completed**
The following forms must be sent into the ISC office with the Group Allocation/Registration form and final payment. Hold them and send them in a single mailing with the Group Allocation/Registration form. The form will make it easier for you to track what forms you’ve received and what’s missing.

**For Youth**
1) Youth & Adult Registration—Health Information form. Include copies of insurance cards or a note that insurance is unavailable
2) Permission & Authorization form – signed by parent
3) Youth Covenant - signed by youth

**For Adults**
1) Youth & Adult Registration— Health Information form. Include copies of insurance cards or a note that insurance is unavailable.
2) Permission & Authorization form – signed by adult attendee
3) Adult Covenant – signed by adult attendee
4) State of Illinois, Department of Children and Family Services Authorization for Background Check form, with signature
5) Illinois South Conference Adult Volunteer Disclosure form, with signature

Make copies of all forms and provide a copy for chaperones to carry during travel and keep with them during the event—just in case of an emergency.

**IMPORTANT:** No individual registrations will be accepted. Every participant must be sponsored by a youth group.

**PAYMENT:** When you receive payments from your youth, please deposit them in your local church account and SEND A SINGLE CHECK TO COVER YOUR WHOLE GROUP.

Thanks for your help in making this an energy- and faith-filled event!!
PARTICIPATION

Theme: "Catch Fire"---The media, movies, books, and politics all seem to discuss the theme of uprisings which are being done in local grassroots efforts (think: Hunger Games, Divergent, Maze Runner). This may seem new, but even Jesus saw this in His time. Jesus encouraged his disciples and followers to be out there spreading the news of God’s love and desire for us to care for and love our neighbors. He wants us to “catch fire” for God!

Youth: Festival of Faith is for youth currently in grades 6-8 and their adult chaperones.

Chaperones: Adults, age 21 and older. A minimum of 1 adult chaperone is required for each 7 or fewer youth participants. Churches are also asked to provide male and female chaperones in proportion to the male/female break-down of their group (i.e. 2 male and 6 female youth = one male and one female chaperone.) This requirement is related to supervision in sleeping areas. Churches are encouraged to team up with other churches in their area to make this work. If you are having a problem with this, please contact Christy Pursell at cpursell@iscucc.org or 618-654-2125.

DATES & LOCATION
Saturday, February 16, 2019 through Sunday, February 17, 2019
DuBois Center • 2651 Quarry Road • DuBois, Illinois 62831

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE
The event begins with check-in from 2:00 to 2:30 pm on Saturday afternoon. The program will begin promptly at 2:45 pm, so plan to arrive in time to get settled. Dinner will be provided on Saturday. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Sunday, and the event will end at 2:00 pm.

CONTACTS & IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
BEFORE the Event
Program: Craig Bielke at bielkecraig@gmail.com or (210) 383-0385
Registrar: Christy Pursell at cpursell@iscucc.org or (618) 654-2125

DURING the Event
Leadership: Craig Bielke at (210) 383-0385
DuBois Center: On-Call Pager at (618) 791-6545

Please use these "during the event" numbers only in case of an emergency. Participants and leaders will be out and about involved in the program during most of the day and evening.
$ EVENT FEE $
$60 per person, limited to first 80 youth and chaperones that have sent a space reservation form and deposit postmarked by January 18, 2019, and have paid the balance and sent in the registration and required paperwork postmarked by February 4, 2019. After this date, the cost will be $65 per registration.

The event fee for each youth and adult participant includes one night’s lodging. Dinner will be provided on Saturday. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Sunday.

REFUNDS
$10 of the event fee is considered to be the deposit. Deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE. Payments for the balance of the event fees are refundable ONLY if cancellation is received by Monday, February 4, 2019.

EXPECTATIONS OF CHAPERONES AND YOUTH
Enclosed are two documents: Youth Participant Covenant and Adult Participant Covenant. Please review these with both your youth and your chaperones PRIOR TO arriving at DuBois Center.

HOUSING
Housing will be assigned according to gender (males together, females together). Local church groups will be assigned together for overnight lodging when possible. Smaller groups may be combined within cottages. Chaperones should work in advance with neighboring churches to ensure adequate supervision in male and female sleeping areas. If you are having problems with this coverage, check with Christy Pursell as soon as possible at 618-654-2125 or cpursell@iscucc.org. Notes regarding arrangements for male–female sleeping area coverage should be sent with the Group Reservation Form, so housing can be correctly assigned.

HEALTH CONCERNS - VERY IMPORTANT!!
Local church chaperones are responsible for first aid & health issues for their participants. Chaperones should carry Permission to Treat authorizations for each adult and youth attendee and come prepared with basic first aid supplies. NOTE: The authorizations included on the “Permission and Authorization” form include this authorization. Be sure chaperones keep a copy for their use. In an emergency, the event coordinator will provide back-up supplies and support. We recommend that medications be kept by the church chaperones. It is the responsibility of the family and/or each local church to provide health and accident coverage for their participants.

ADULT LEADERSHIP - SAFE CHURCH/CONDUCT VERIFICATION
The Illinois South Conference and many of our churches have adopted “Safe Conduct” policies as tools to help us provide the safest environment possible for those we serve. Implementation of these policies is ongoing. We have instituted procedures for adult chaperones and other adult leaders involved in Conference-sponsored youth programs with an overnight component. Even though youth attend these events with chaperones from their own church, they are often involved with adults from other churches in small group settings and, sometimes, in the sleeping areas.
In addition to the *Registration & Health Information* form and *Permission and Authorization Form*, adult attendees need to submit the following:

1. Disclosure Statement dated within the past 12 months
2. State of Illinois, Department of Children and Family Services AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK, or a completed background check that has been returned from the State, dated within the past 12 months. If your church already utilizes the DCFS system, a copy of a current report signed by the pastor, dated within the past 12 months, may be submitted, and an AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK WILL NOT BE NEEDED.

START NOW to ensure that you have a report in hand by the February 4, 2019 deadline for forms. If you have questions about this procedure, contact the Festival of Faith Registrar.

**POLICY ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS**
The possession and/or use of tobacco products is not allowed by persons under the age of 18 and/or ANY YOUTH PARTICIPANTS, even those who are 18 years of age or older, at any ISC sponsored youth event. The use of tobacco products by adult chaperones is allowed only at designated times and in designated places. There is no smoking in any building at DuBois Center, within 15 feet of any building, in the woods, or near flammable materials, such as dried leaves.

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE**
The possession and/or use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs or controlled substances will not be allowed at any Conference-sponsored youth event or retreat. The one exception might be the provision of wine as an option during communion. This includes every participant and leader, youth and adult. Such activity is destructive to the spirit of Christian community we hope to build at all our youth events. The possession and/or use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs or controlled substances will result in the offending parties being sent home AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE.

**OFFERING**
We are asking the youth to help with an offering for Church World Service of the United Church of Christ: Hygiene Kits. The purpose of the Hygiene Kits is to provide basic necessities for struggling families. You may wish to have each attendee bring multiple of the same item and then assemble at Festival of Faith. See more about the kits at [https://cwskits.org/](https://cwskits.org/)

**Supplies needed for each kit:**
- One hand towel measuring approximately 15”x 28” to 16”x 32” (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.
FESTIVAL OF FAITH 2019
February 16-17, 2019

THINGS NOT TO BRING
Please **DO NOT** bring expensive or valuable items or lots of money or any of the items listed below:

- Illegal drugs or controlled substances
- Alcohol or tobacco products
- Skate boards
- Fireworks
- Weapons (including knives & hand guns)
- Food for the bunk room (Bugs love it!)
- Clothing that promotes sex, violence, alcohol, drugs, etc. (e.g., NO Co-ed Naked, Budweiser, etc.)
- Inappropriate clothing - too tight, too short, too revealing
- Items that will detract from the event

The Illinois South Conference and DuBois Center and their staff/representatives are not responsible for the loss, damage or theft of property.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST (Do Bring)

_____ Pre-packaged Snacks to SHARE with entire group in Oak Lodge (*Youth group leaders, consider bringing a reasonable amount of snacks to share from your group—rather than each youth bringing snacks—so we do not have an overabundance of calorie/sugar-laden food.*)
_____ Water bottle
_____ Comfortable, warm clothes for two days
_____ Two pairs of shoes and two pairs of dry socks
_____ PJ’s
_____ Rain gear, Sweaters, Gloves and a Jacket (Weather permitting, some activities will be outside.)
_____ Sleeping bag with twin fitted sheet or twin sheets, blanket, and pillow
_____ Wash Kit (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
_____ Towel and Wash Cloth
_____ Bible
_____ Paper & Pens or Pencils
_____ Money for Worship Offering (More information to be provided closer to the event date)
_____ Any extra $$ needed for the trip to and from the event
_____ Any Necessary Medication (*Please be sure that the home church advisor is aware of any medications to be taken and any special medical considerations.*)
_____ Any Necessary Forms, if not already turned in
_____ Camera (optional)
_____ Offering for CWS Hygiene kits (optional) *See page 3 of the Info Packet.*
_____ Positive attitude 😊
Space is limited, and we want every church in the Conference to have an equal opportunity to be a part of this popular event. We know that youth ministry is at different developmental stages in different churches—some very organized, some just getting started. This “Space Request” system gives churches equal access and is helpful for planning purposes.

Church/City_______________________________ Phone_______________________________
Contact_______________________________ Position_______________________________
Day Phone_______________________________ Evening Phone________________________
E-Mail Address____________________________
Mailing Address____________________________
City_______________________________ State________________ Zip________________

We request _____ spaces for youth and chaperones for Fall Festival on February 16-17, 2019.

Please give us your best guess for the number in each category below:
   Youth Males_____ Youth Females_____ Adult Males_____ Adult Females_____

Also, please share dietary/medical of which you are aware so we can plan accordingly __________________________

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Spaces Requested: ________ x $10 per space (deposit) = _____________.

THIS FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019

This $10 per space deposit is non-refundable. Your church is committing to the number of spaces indicated, unless you receive a reduced space allocation from the Registrar.

When the final payment is due, if your total numbers have decreased from your confirmed Space Allocation, you forfeit a deposit of $10 per spot. The enclosed payment will be applied to the total fee for the number of spaces confirmed.

**EXAMPLE:**

Spaces Requested = 10  10 x $10  =  $100

Final Total (if paid by Feb 4th)  9 x $60 =  $540

Minus Deposit for 9 =  9 x $10 =  <$90>

(with 1 person dropping out from original Space Request)

Final Amount Due  _______  $450

After the **Wednesday, January 18 deadline**, the number of spaces requested will be tallied. If there are more requests than spots available, we will fill these spots on a first-come, first-served basis. You will be notified the following week if we do not have space available for each of the churches as requested.

**REMEMBER:** If you find you need more spaces than originally requested, or you are a little late in getting organized, call the Youth Event Registrar after February 4, 2019 to see if space is still available at (618) 654-2125 or cpursell@iscucc.org

Make Check Payable to: **Illinois South Conference**

Mail total due and this form, to reach registrar postmarked NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 4, 2019

TO: Illinois South Conference * 1312 Broadway * Highland, IL 62249
Illinois South Conference United Church of Christ  
Festival of Faith 2019  
February 16-17, 2019  
*CATCH FIRE* 
Registration Checklist 

**DEADLINE** – February 4, 2019

Church & City ______________________ Phone (___) _____________
Contact __________________________________ Position ____________________
Day Phone (___) _____________ Evening Phone (___) ________________
E-Mail Address: ____________________________________________

Please **PRINT** the information indicated for each person attending.  
List YOUTH Participants on the **FRONT** side and ADULT Chaperones on the **BACK** side.

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**Male – Female Chaperone (age 21+) Coverage:**

*If you do not have the appropriate chaperone coverage (1 male adult per 1-7 male youth, 1 female adult per 1-7 female youth), please explain coverage plans on separate sheet of paper.*

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TOTAL NUMBER of YOUTH & ADULTS:
Postmarked on or before February 4, 2019  ________  @ $60  =  _________
TOTAL NUMBER of YOUTH & ADULTS:
Postmarked after February 4, 2019  ________  @ $65  =  _________

**FEE TOTAL DUE**  =  _________

Make Check Payable to:  **Illinois South Conference**
MAIL TOTAL DUE AND ALL REQUIRED FORMS TO:  
Illinois South Conference • 1312 Broadway • Highland, IL 62249
Youth & Adult Registration—Health Information
Festival of Faith 2019  CATCH FIRE
February 16-17, 2019

Church/Town___________________________________________________________

Name of Attendee (First)_________________________________ (Last)______________

Attendee Home Phone_________________________ Attendee Cell Phone________________

Date of Birth_________________________ Age as of Feb 2019____ Grade____ Gender_________

Mailing Address______________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________________ State __________ Zip Code ____________

E-mail of Attendee __________________________________ Email of Parent __________________________

Parent’s name __________________________________ Parent’s name __________________________

Phone # __________________________ Phone # __________________________

MEDICAL INFORMATION:
Food Allergies:☐ No known food allergies ☐ Tree nuts ☐ Eggs ☐ Shell fish ☐ Peanuts
☐ Milk ☐ Fish ☐ Soy ☐ Other

Diet & Nutrition:☐ Eats a regular diet ☐ Gluten-free diet ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Vegan ☐ Special food needs
(please describe) ________________________________________________________________________________

Limitations or Restrictions on Activities: __________________________________________________________________________

Allergies:☐ No known allergies ☐ Medicine (list) ________________________________________________
☐ Environmental (insect stings, animals, hay fever, etc.) ☐ Other __________________________________________

Current Medical Conditions: Describe any medical conditions that might be affected by strenuous or
general event activities __________________________________________________________________________

Date of last Tetanus Shot: (year)______________ Approximate Weight: (for medication administration)______________

Prescription / Over-the-Counter Medications to be taken during event (list times and dosages)__________________

Any additional health information church advisors/event leaders should be aware of (surgery or serious injuries,
chronic or recurring illness/medical condition, psychiatric counseling or indications, recent traumas, life changes
etc.)________________________________________________________________________________________

ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY CONTACTS (if parent/guardian listed above CANNOT be reached):

NAME_________________________________ Phone #1 (_______)

Relationship______________________________ Phone #2 (_______)

NAME_________________________________ Phone #1 (_______)

Relationship______________________________ Phone #2 (_______)

Name of Physician_________________________________ Phone (_______)

** ATTACH A COPY OF THE FRONT & BACK OF
HEALTH INSURANCE CARD TO THIS FORM **
Illinois South Conference United Church of Christ

PERMISSION & AUTHORIZATIONS – Signatures Required

Name of Youth or Adult Attendee
Age
(if under 21)

Last                      First                        MI

Event Name: Festival of Faith 2019          Event Date: February 16-17, 2019

PERMISSION FOR PARTICIPATION IN EVENT & EVENT ACTIVITIES:
The individual named above has my permission to attend the event listed above.

The individual named above has my permission to participate in transportation to, from and during this event provided or arranged by the attendee’s church, event coordinators or Illinois South Conference staff members.

I / We (attendee and parent – if attendee is a youth participant) understand and support policies prohibiting the use or possession of weapons, tobacco products (if youth participant), alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs or controlled substances. We recognize that all attendees must follow safety guidelines and refrain from harmful behavior. I/We understand that if an attendee is unable to live within these guidelines and those outlined in the Youth Participant Covenant or Adult Participant Covenant, he/she may be sent home without a refund of the program fee.

There are challenges inherent with participation in any event activity, including but not limited to archery, boating, challenge course, games, hiking, horseback riding, swimming, wagon rides and work projects. I understand that these challenges, which contribute to the unique character and desirability of the activities, pose the possibility of severe injury, illness or death. I further understand that many event activities may take place in an outdoor environment. For this and other reasons, I understand the challenges often cannot be eliminated, altered, or controlled. I give permission for myself and/or my child to participate in all event activities, including but not limited to those described above. I acknowledge and assume the risks involved in these activities, and for any damage, illness, injury, or death resulting from such risks, for myself or my child. There are no physical, emotional or mental problems or limitations associated with my child’s or my participation in event activities, except as disclosed by me in writing to the Illinois South Conference. I have read and understand the above, and agree to the terms of this waiver.

Signature of Adult Attendee or Custodial Parent / Guardian ____________________________ Date ____________________________

PERMISSION FOR FIRST AID, EMERGENCY TREATMENT AND TRANSPORTATION:
To the best of my knowledge, the health information on the Registration and Health Information form is correct and accurately reflects the current health status of the attendee named above. I hereby give permission to the advisor from the attendee’s church, event coordinators and Illinois South Conference staff members to provide, seek, and consent to first aid, routine health care, administration of prescribed medications, emergency treatment and transportation for me or my child, as may be deemed necessary. I also give permission to medical personnel, authorized by the advisor from the attendee’s church, event coordinators and Illinois South Conference staff members to order x-rays, routine tests and proper treatment related to the health of the attendee for both routine care and, in emergency situations, to hospitalize, order injections, anesthesia, or surgery for me or my child. I understand the information on this form will be shared on a “need to know” basis. I give permission to photocopy this form. It is my intention that the advisor from the attendee’s church be treated as acting in loco parentis if the person named herein is a minor. I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing, or insurance purposes.

Signature of Adult Attendee or Custodial Parent / Guardian ____________________________ Date ____________________________

PHOTO RELEASE:
The Illinois South Conference utilizes a variety of media, such as brochures, newsletters, media productions such as PowerPoint presentations, videos, Facebook, and our websites to interpret and promote our ministry and programs. Recognizing the value of these interpretive materials, I hereby grant the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ, or their designated agents, permission to use images of myself or my child for interpretive or promotional efforts.

Signature of Adult Attendee or Custodial Parent / Guardian ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Attach a copy of your insurance card.
Festival of Faith 2019

CATCH FIRE
February 16-17, 2019
Youth Participant Covenant

All Festival of Faith youth participants must read, sign and abide by this Covenant. Submit this form to the Church with the rest of your forms.

Name____________________________________________________________________________________

I will have respect for the purposes and goals of this event.

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I will respect the rights/needs of all those attending Festival of Faith.

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I will have respect for DuBois Center property and equipment. This includes using these resources in safe and appropriate ways, not littering, and cleaning up after myself. I will report any damages or issues to my chaperone and the DuBois Center Host.

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I realize there are areas of DuBois Center that are off limits and will stay out of them. These areas include the kitchen, storage closets and rooms, maintenance and other buildings that are not part of the Festival of Faith program.

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I will attend all sessions of this event. It is my responsibility to get enough sleep during Festival of Faith to participate fully in each element of the program.

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I understand that I may hang out in my room ONLY during free time and sleeping time at night.

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I will be individually responsible for damage I cause to the property of others and will refrain from any damaging or illegal behavior.

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I will not consume alcohol or use any tobacco products.

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I will not use any mood-altering or illegal drugs or other such substances.

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I will wear appropriate clothes and not wear anything that portrays unhealthy activities or attitudes (such as those promoting sex, drugs, alcohol, or violence).

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I will respect the rule that there are to be no girls in boys’ sleeping rooms and no boys in girls’ sleeping rooms.

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I will not engage in excessive displays of affection, as I realize the establishment of an individual community among two individuals hinders their establishment of community with the whole group. I understand that holding hands and hugging are not excessive displays of affection, but groping, kissing, snuggling and so on ARE excessive displays of affection.

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Signature_______________________________________________  Date______________________________

Church Name/Town_________________________________  Pastor’s Name___________________________
Festival of Faith 2019
CATCH FIRE
Adult Participant Covenant

This form must be completed by all adult chaperones and leaders participating in Festival of Faith 2019. Turn this form in to your Youth Leader.

Name of Adult (please print):____________________________________________________________________

By participating in this event as an adult chaperone or program volunteer, I agree to cooperate with the leaders of this event and the chaperones from the other churches in following these guidelines:

I will have respect for the purpose and goals of this event and strongly encourage participation of all the youth.

I will have respect for DuBois Center property and equipment and will report any damages or issues to the DuBois Center Host. This includes using these resources in safe and appropriate ways, not littering, and encouraging my youth to clean up after themselves.

I will make every effort to ensure that the youth I am responsible for follow all camp and event rules and guidelines.

I will report any incidents or accidents to the Event Coordinator and the DuBois Center Host.

I will do my best to demonstrate what I believe to be a good Christian example for the youth in attendance.

I will be the adult and lead my youth, not following their lead just to be popular with them.

I will attend all programming activities, as I am physically able.

I will not consume alcohol or illegal drugs during the course of this event.

I will refrain from tobacco consumption at inappropriate times or in inappropriate places.

I will respect the rule that there are to be no girls in boys’ sleeping rooms and no boys in girls’ sleeping rooms, and I will make every effort to ensure that the youth abide by this rule as well.

I will help ensure the youth are respectful to guests and speakers at all times.

I will instruct the youth in my charge to inform me of their location at all times, and hold them accountable for any indiscretions.

I will not allow excessive displays of affection among the youth, as I realize the establishment of an individual community among two separate individuals hinders their establishment of community with the whole group. I will also be reasonable, understanding that holding hands and hugging are not excessive displays of affection, but groping, kissing, snuggling and the like ARE excessive displays of affection.

I will keep the safety, welfare, and spiritual growth of the youth of this Conference in my prayers and in my heart, as I realize that the best thing I can do in youth ministry is to be there for them.

I will follow these guidelines not because I am obligated to abide by a set of rules, but because I have the interests of the youth of this Conference foremost in my heart and mind, and wish to do whatever I can to help them have a spiritually fulfilling event.

Signature_________________________________________________________  Date______________________

Church Name/Town_____________________________________  Pastor’s Name_________________________
Illinois South Conference Adult Volunteer Disclosure Form

This form needs to be completed by all adult advisers and volunteers attending Festival of Faith 2019. Please return with Group Allocation/Registration form.

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

Street City State Zip

Phone: ___________________________ E-Mail Address: ___________________________

Church Name/Town: ____________________________ Pastor’s Name: __________________________

1. Have you ever been found guilty, or pled guilty or no contest to a criminal charge alleging actual or attempted sexual harassment, exploitation, misconduct, physical abuse, or child abuse?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, give an explanation. ___________________________________________

2. Has a formal complaint been made against you in a civil, ecclesiastical, educational or employment setting alleging actual or attempted sexual discrimination, harassment, exploitation, misconduct, physical abuse, or child abuse?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, give an explanation. ___________________________________________

3. Is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with responsibilities in any children’s program of the Illinois South Conference?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, give an explanation. ___________________________________________

Release and Authorization

I acknowledge that the information provided in this disclosure is true and complete. I authorize the Illinois South Conference and/or their agents to investigate all statements contained in it. I also authorize all persons and entities to respond to inquiries concerning me, to supply verification of the information provided in this application and to comment regarding my background and character. I hereby release all such individuals and entities from all liability and responsibility arising from their doing so. I waive any right that I may have to inspect records, references, or information collected or acquired in connection with this application.

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________________________
AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK
Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System (CANTS)
For Programs NOT Licensed by DCFS

NOTE: Do not use this form if you are an applicant for licensure or an employee/volunteer of a licensed child care facility. Please contact your licensing representative.

Name: ________________________ ________________________ ________________________
Last First Middle

Date of Birth: ______-____-____ Gender: □ Male □ Female Race: ________________________

Current Address: ________________________________________________________________
Street/Apt #
City ________________________ State ________________________ Zip Code ________________________

If you currently reside in Illinois, please list all previous addresses for the past five years.

OR

If you currently reside out-of-state, please provide ALL Illinois addresses in which you did reside while living in Illinois.

(Street/Apt#/City/County/State/Zip Code) Dates
From/To

List maiden name and/or all other names by which you have been known: (last, first, middle)

________________________________________________________________________
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I hereby authorize the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to conduct a search of the Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking system (CANTS) to determine whether I have been a perpetrator of an indicated incident of child abuse and/or neglect or involved in a pending investigation. I further consent to the release of this information to the agency listed below.

Signed ________________________ Date ________________________

Please type, use bold letters or label:

Submit by mail OR fax OR email.
Mail to: Department of Children and Family Services
406 E. Monroe – Station # 30
Springfield, IL 62701
FAX to: 217-782-3991
Scan/Email to: CFS689Background@illinois.gov

(Submitting Agency Fax Number)
(Submitting Email Address)

Illinois South Conference, UCC
Christy Pursell
1312 Broadway
Highland, IL  62249

(Agency Name)
(Contact Person)
(Address)
(City/State/Zip)