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Do you have one or two (or maybe more) sixth, seventh or eighth grade youth who would be interested in getting a Montreat Youth Conference experience before they go to high school? **“Rooted in Love”**, Montreat’s **Middle School Conference** will be held at **Presbyterian College** in Clinton, SC **July 18-22, 2012**. The conference publicity states that this conference “will create a place where middle school youth can:

- ∨ foster and develop meaningful relationships with peers and adults
- ∨ be actively engaged in learning about God’s love for them
- ∨ be affirmed and reminded that they are valued so that they may reach out to others
- ∨ encounter opportunities to exercise personal and group responsibility for the building up of the body of Christ
- ∨ be a part of a nurturing, safe event where they can be fully engaged”

For the past four years, Providence Presbytery has taken a group of youth and adult advisors from different churches in our presbytery to this conference. It has been a well-received conference and an opportunity for youth across our presbytery to build relationships.

2012 will mark our fifth Providence Presbytery trip to the Montreat Middle School Conference. The Presbytery will provide the adult leaders and the transportation to and from Clinton. The cost of the conference, which includes the conference fee as well as room and board, is \$385.00. If you have youth who are **currently in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade** who might be interested, please share this information and the attached application with them and encourage them to register. **Applications and a \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit per person must be to the presbytery by Friday, January 20.** The balance of \$285.00 is due by May 9, 2012. The presbytery does not have scholarship money available to assist students; however, Montreat does award some scholarships for this event. You may download an application at <http://montreat.org/scholarships/general-scholarship>. We encourage your church to consider financially assisting your youth who attend this conference.

Please Note: for churches with four to six youth that would rather attend with the presbytery than take their own church group, we ask that the church provide a leader at the cost of the church. For churches with more than six youth attendees, we ask that you take your own church delegation to the conference.

In order to register, simply mail the attached application form to Kathryn McGregor at the above address with the \$100 deposit made to Providence Presbytery. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Peace,

Kathryn McGregor, Associate for Education & Resourcing

**Application to be a member of the Providence Presbytery delegation to the
2012 Montreat Middle School Conference**

July 18 -22, 2012

on the campus of Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC

(To be completed by applicant) Deadline: January 20, 2012

Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Sex: [] Male [] Female Grade _____

T-shirt size: _____

Parents Names: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Church: _____ City: _____

_____ Enclosed please find a **\$100.00 nonrefundable check** made to Providence Presbytery. I understand that the **balance of \$285.00** is due to Providence Presbytery by **May 9**. I understand that this fee includes the conference registration fee as well as room and board. I understand that Providence Presbytery will provide transportation to and from Clinton, SC.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Return to
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_____ Presbyterian Church recommends this youth for the
2012 Montreat Middle School Conference.

(Pastor, Church Educator, or Clerk of Session)

For more info: contact Kathryn McGregor at 800-922-1609 or kmcgregor@providencepres.org.