

# YOUTH SUMMER CONFERENCE

## S\*O\*I\*L

[Social Opportunities for Intentional Living]



**July 24-28, 2017**

**Christmount  
Black Mountain, NC**

### SOIL Conference

Christmount 222 Fern Way, Black Mountain, NC 28711, 828-669-8977 christmount.org

Church Registration for SOIL 2017 July 24<sup>st</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Website \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Church SOIL Team Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Each church is invited to bring an intergenerational team (up to two) made up of youth and adults- The team should have no more than 12 people and should be made up of at least half youth (7-12 grade). There must be at least 2 adults on each team.

How many teams would you like to register? one \_\_\_\_\_ two \_\_\_\_\_ # of youth \_\_\_\_\_ # of adults \_\_\_\_\_

How many total people will you bring? (you will bring only ONE project per team in July) You do not have to decide the topic at this time.

Food and Faith                      Climate Change                      Poverty  
Pollution                              Race and Reconciliation

**Registration Fees:** Before Feb 1 = \$275 After Feb 1 = \$325 per person

Yes, I have included a deposit of \$50 per participant or \$300 per team.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will call 828-669-8977 to use a credit card deposit

Upon registration We understand that we will:

- Pray/Learn about a particular topic
- Engage in a project for 3-6 months prior to the SOIL Conference
- Communicate with SOIL team (us) and your congregation about your planning and work-
- Prepare a 40 minute youth-led interactive workshop on your topic at the July SOIL conference at Christmount

**AS A PART OF THE SOIL COVENANT COMMUNITY, I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING EXPECTATIONS WHILE AT CHRISTMOUNT:**

NO ARTIFICIAL HIGHS OR LOWS\* NO SEXUAL ACTIVITY\* RESPECT THE RIGHTS AND PROPERTY OF OTHERS\* EVERYONE (ADULTS AND YOUTH) PARTICIPATES IN EVERYTHING\* I realize that failure to fulfill these expectations may result in my expulsion from this event at my expense.

## Ecology, Spirituality and Justice Conference!

Even as we face some of the most difficult challenges in human history churches are responding with spiritually driven solutions.

This trip explores the landscape of our faith as you've never seen it before: through the lens of sustainability, justice, service and action. On this week-long journey situated in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, groups will learn about some of the most challenging environmental issues impacting our world today. Participants will explore complex sustainability challenges and meet churches engaged in environmental / social justice in their own communities. This trip is about listening to stories, seeing impacts firsthand and reflecting on how you can champion causes important to you: food & faith, climate, pollution, health, race and reconciliation and poverty.

This will be a service learning/mission trip experience that is rooted in your community and culminates in a camp that includes spiritual formation, social justice, creation care and community building. Something like summer camp, mission trip, model UN, and a Ted Talks Conference combined.

In 2017 we are accepting applications for the following topics:

**Food and Faith**  
**Climate Change**  
**Pollution**  
**Poverty**  
**Race and Reconciliation**

Contact Rob Morris [rob@christmount.org](mailto:rob@christmount.org)

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with questions and interest.

**Who:** Youth (Grade 6-12) and adults from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Teams of 6-12 people (with at least half of whom are youth ages 12-18), from churches engaged in creation care and / or social justice work in their community. Up to two teams may attend per church.

**When:** Arrive before dinner on Monday, July 24 and leave after breakfast Friday. There may be add on experiences or events for your group if desired.

**What:** A gathering of intergenerational local teams of spiritually grounded leaders. Each team that attends will be working together several months on a project and will present a youth led 40 minute interactive workshop for participants on that project at the gathering. Beyond your workshops there will play, worship, keynote speakers and experiential learning.

Together you will embark on an 8 step process before the conference that includes:

- 1. Finding your passion-**What do you love?
- 2. Listening to local and global needs-** What are the worlds greatest needs?
- 3. Finding resources-**What skills, property, people, relationships can help?
- 4. Learning deeply-**What can you learn about your topic?
- 5. Prayer/discernment-**How is God calling your group at this time?
- 6. Embodying God's grace-** Do the work
- 7. Reflection-**What were challenges and joys of the project?
- 8. Telling the Story-**Communicate with others and prepare your workshop

**Why:** Grow closer to God and to each other. You may discover a new passion for justice, compassion for others or just a love for traveling across several states in a smelly van!

**Where:**Christmount in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains

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**How Do I Sign Up?** Please return the registration form with a deposit of \$50 per person or \$300 per team. You will then receive a packet with more information and forms to fill out!