

## CY2018 TRACKS

### YOUTH TRACK

Encourages youth (graduated Grade 9) to share their voice and experience and affirms their valued place within the whole church. Time will be spent in smaller **B.O.L.D.** Groups for friendship and authentic conversations about the theme, *Stirred Not Shaken*. Afternoon program includes lots of workshops and recreation options.

### DISCIPLESHIP TRACK

Young adults (graduated high school to age 25) will be encouraged and challenged through discovery conversations about vocation, discipleship, spiritual practices and community connections.

### YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING TRACK (18+)

This is a rare chance for youth leaders to replenish the spirit, rejuvenate energy, and refine youth ministry programs. A variety of keynote sessions, seminars and workshops have been created to address both the theoretical principles of youth ministry and the practical application in the congregational setting.

### NEW FOR 2018: THE NEXT TRACK

A brand new track specially designed for congregational leadership.

- 2 half days plus 1 full day (Thursday through Saturday)
- In keeping with the theme, *Stirred Not Shaken*, this new track will offer workshops and keynote presentations from outstanding leadership on the theme of Resiliency.
- Topics will include: strategic planning and visioning, innovative worship design, resource management (all kinds of resources), engaging millennials, and the practice of hospitality.



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**CY2018** July 2-7, 2018

BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES



**WHAT DOES IT COST?** The registration fee of **\$565.00** pays for five nights of housing, meals, facility and programming costs, and a travel pool contribution. The registration fee does not include your travel costs.

**WHEN TO ARRIVE** On-site check-in for CY2018 will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Monday, July 2** at Brock University in St. Catharines, ON. The conference will end on **Saturday, July 7, immediately following worship at approximately 12:00 p.m. (noon)**. A bag lunch will be provided.

**TRAVEL TO THE EVENT — HOW TO GET THERE** Many congregations, presbyteries and synods coordinate the travel of CY2018 participants as a delegation. Contact your minister or the CY2018 coordinator for more information. The CY2018 registration fee does not include any travel costs.



## YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING TRACK

### Keynote Speaker

Dr. Andrew Root

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**ANDREW ROOT**, PhD (Princeton Theological Seminary) is the Carrie Olson Baalson Associate Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary. He is most recently the author of *Faith Formation in a Secular Age* (Baker, 2017) and *The Grace of Dogs: A Boy a Black Lab and Father’s Search for the Canine Soul* (Convergent, 2017). He has also authored *Christopraxis: A Practical Theology of the Cross* (Fortress, 2014) and *Bonhoeffer as Youth Worker* (Baker, 2014).

Root puts together theology and storytelling to explore how ministry leads us into encounter with divine action. His book *The Relational Pastor* (IVP, 2013) as well as a four-book series with Zondervan called *A Theological Journey Through Youth Ministry* (titles include *Taking Theology to Youth Ministry*, *Taking the Cross to Youth Ministry*, *Unpacking Scripture in Youth Ministry*, and *Unlocking Mission and Eschatology in Youth Ministry*) break new ground in this direction. In 2012 his book *The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry* (with Kenda Creasy Dean, IVP, 2011) was *Christianity Today’s* Book of Merit.

He has written a number of other books on ministry and theology such as *The Children of Divorce: The Loss of Family as the Loss of Being* (Baker Academic, 2010), *The Promise of Despair* (Abingdon, 2010), *Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry: From a Strategy of Influence to a Theology of Incarnation* (IVP, 2007) and *Relationships Unfiltered* (Zondervan/YS, 2009).

Andy has worked in congregations, parachurch ministries, and social service programs. He lives in St. Paul with his wife Kara, two children, Owen and Maisy, and their dog. When not reading, writing, or teaching, Andy spends far too much time watching TV and movies.

## Don’t just take our word for it...

### here’s what other folks are saying about their time at CY

“ I enjoyed every moment of CY. The friends I have made at this event are friends for life. CY gave me a new perspective and direction in my life. Before coming to CY I had not known that there were so many passionate faithful youth across the nation. CY has challenged me to better myself and encouraged me to work hard to better my community. — Carolyn Playdon, Young Adult

“ Arriving to CY for the first time really opened my eyes to the number of Canadian Presbyterian youth interested in faith. It was a great way to make connections across the country and have life-long friendships. I was in the Discipleship Track and we learned about the ‘shipwrecks’ of life. I came out of that time understanding that if you keep working hard on your faith when things aren’t going your way, it will eventually turn around. That is something that will stay with me forever.

— Ewert van Rensburg, Young Adult

“ CY was an amazing experience! It was truly a blessing to be surrounded with a community of young teens and adults who share the same faith as me. It was a great opportunity to make wonderful and long-lasting friends and experience God in a whole new way. Through workshops, small groups, worship, meal times and rec activities, I began to develop new relationships, rediscover and strengthen my faith. CY has reassured me that I’m not alone in my journey and that there are other like me who are still trying to find their calling. It is truly a humbling experience to be a part of CY, where there is a diverse, hospitable and Christ-like community.

— Emmanuel Okogwu, High School Senior



## **A.B.L.E. Advisors for YOUTH TRACK**

### **Adult Bold Leaders with Energy**

We'd be LOST without you!

**THE ROLE OF A.B.L.E. ADVISORS** is crucial, challenging and a rewarding calling. A.B.L.E. Advisors are the foundation of the ministry we carry out at CY. They serve God by serving CY's youth participants. A.B.L.E. Advisors are Christian mentors, guides, shepherds and role models; encouraging youth to wholly engage in the entire CY experience. They share that experience and provide humour, patience, direction and hospitality through the journey.

The CY2018 Planning Team, along with Presbyteries and Synods, recruit and train a skilled Community Life Team which will be available throughout the event. This team is responsible for the safety and well-being of all participants and includes A.B.L.E. Advisors (recruited by Presbyteries and congregations), Conference Deans, Chaplains and on-site Health staff.

The required ratio for A.B.L.E. Advisors to Youth Participants is 1:9 of the same gender. For those traveling as congregational/Presbytery/Synod delegations, the role expands to include supervision and care while traveling to and from CY2018. A.B.L.E. Advisors and/or their sponsoring congregation/Presbytery/Synod are responsible for the \$565 registration fee and any applicable travel costs.

The people who are called to this ministry are strong in faith, enthusiastic about working with youth and have well developed inter-personal skills.

#### **The role of A.B.L.E. Advisor includes the following:**

- provide supervision and care during the delegation's travel to and from the event (if assigned)
- model and encourage all participants to live out the CY2018 Community Life Guidelines
- provide supervision and care for youth participants, ensuring their safety and well-being
- participate fully in all the activities of CY including worship, small groups, and recreation activities as scheduled
- meet daily with CY2018 Community Life staff (deans, chaplains, health staff)
- provide support and encouragement to all youth present
- provide daily leadership for covenant groups (manual will be provided)

- be the liaison between youth and CY2018 Community Life staff regarding any medical or pastoral concerns
- pray for all participants and the event

#### **Gifts, skills, experience and qualifications:**

- relevant experience interacting with young people (youth group leader, teachers of youth, parents, etc.)
- love of youth and God
- patience and tolerance
- firm but fair: exhibiting common sense and flexibility
- team player: will ask for and offer help
- at least 25 years of age
- have completed and submitted a clear police record check

## **How can I help?**

- **Be an advocate** for youth, young adults and leaders to attend—this is especially important for congregations that might not have a 'regularized' youth ministry program. Being the "only one" from a congregation can be frightening or overwhelming—your ongoing encouragement and support will make a huge impact.
- **Offer financial resources** in the form of scholarships, travel assistance, or operating fund grants.
- **Identify gifted leadership** within your region—there are a variety of volunteer roles that are crucial to the event (advisors, health care, workshop and small group leaders, etc.).
- **Become a CY champion**—encourage those who have attended CY to share their story, encourage your congregation to add an annual budget line-item to support CY, speak to parents about the power and vibrancy of CY, highlighting its excellent programming and attention to safety and supervision.
- **Offer regular prayer:**

✝ for the CY2018 Planning Team as they faithfully work to design an event that will encourage and empower.

✝ for the leadership of the event who will be inspired to share their time and talent.

✝ for the congregations who will send participants, supporting those participants before, during and after the event.

✝ for the CY2018 participants who will attend—that they might experience a faithful landmark in their journey of discipleship.

# FUNDRAISING IDEAS



## MILES FOR MISSIONS

Raise the cash you need by selling people the mileage of the trip. Figure out how much your trip will cost and divide that by the number of kilometers it takes to get you to CY at Brock U. You now have your cost per kilometer. People then can fund a stretch of your road.



## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

This is a good way to give the adults in your congregation a night out and make a little money for your cause. Offer the parents and/or adult a night out that gives them dinner, a movie and babysitting for one low price. Appropriate movies can be rented. Have the entire group prepare and set up for the dinner. Then have one half serve the adults while the other half feeds and cares for the kids in another location. Then they switch. Half the group does cleanup while the other half baby-sits. Afterward, all the youth work together to put everything away.



## DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

If your church has a big parking lot, or if you have another large area that's usable, here's a great event that can be used as a fundraiser, or just for fun. Use four large sheets on a building as a screen. You will also need a sixteen millimeter projector, a few large speakers and a movie to show. You can then have a drive-in movie in your parking lot and invite all of your church and neighbourhood to attend. Charge admission per car or per lawn chair. (If you are in a heavily populated neighbourhood, check with local authorities and with the surrounding neighbours about the noise that might be generated.) Popcorn and licorice are must-haves!



## CY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



### When and where is CY2018?

The event takes place at Brock University in St. Catharines, ON, beginning on Monday, July 2 until Saturday, July 7, 2018. St. Catharines is in the heart of the Niagara region and Brock University is uniquely placed atop the city on the Niagara Escarpment. Brock is a small campus with great facilities and beautiful scenery...best of all, Brock loves hosting our CY events!



### How will my youth be cared for?

The safety and well-being of each CY2018 participant is given high priority. The CY2018 Planning Team, along with presbyteries and synods, recruit a skilled Community Life Team, which is responsible for supervision and care of participants during the event. The Community Life Team includes: A.B.L.E. Advisors, Conference Deans, Conference Chaplains and Health staff. Each team member has fulfilled Leading with Care requirements and will be trained during the spring of 2018. Job descriptions for these positions are available upon request.



### What does the registration fee cover?

The registration fee of \$565 pays for five nights of housing (linens provided), meals, facility and programming costs, and a travel pool contribution. The registration does not include travel costs.



### What about transportation costs?

Transportation costs are not included in the \$565 registration fee. There is a travel rebate available for those who need assistance. Many presbyteries and synods coordinate the travel of CY2018 participants as a delegation. Contact your minister or youth leader or the CY2018 coordinator for more information.



### What about special needs for participants?

Most of the residences at Brock University and all of the classrooms and meeting spaces that we will be using are accessible to persons with disabilities. Please indicate on the registration form the special needs of participants and we will do all that we can to accommodate them.

Brock's dining hall is very good at providing alternative meal options for folks. All we need to do is give them preparation time. Please indicate your needs on the registration form. Brock chefs are always willing to meet with participants in order to ensure the best menu options are available.



### What about housing?

Participants will be housed in three Brock residence halls. Men and women will be housed on separate floors or separate wings. Most of the rooms in the residence are singles but there are a few rooms for two. Housing will be assigned by region at the event.

## CY2018

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