



BC Conference – The United Church of Canada
CHILDREN AT CONFERENCE
79th General Meeting – North Vancouver, BC
Thursday May 22 to Sunday May 25, 2008

Dear Congregations, Clergy, and Lay delegates to Conference:

The *Children at Conference* programme provides an opportunity for thirty children, ages 8 to 12 years, from across the Conference, to gather and participate in the worship and work of the Annual Meeting of the B. C. Conference of The United Church. Children will explore this year's theme "**To Reconcile and Make New**" through story, drama, art, games, and reflection. They will join with the total gathering of Conference from time to time to take part in the tasks being worked on, and to participate in and offer leadership in worship.

There will be two children from each of the ten presbyteries and ten children from the local hosting area participating in this programme. Children from out-of-town will be billeted with local area families who have children in the programme. Out-of-town children must be accompanied by an adult delegate (either a parent or a sponsor) who is prepared to take overall responsibility for the child during the Conference.

We encourage you to distribute information about registration to those children in your congregation who are in the 8–12 year age group. This year there is no registration fee but there are still travel expenses for some of the children. We ask that congregations and presbyteries help support children in attending, by helping with the travel expenses and encouraging children to apply.

**Applications for the Children at Conference programme must be received
by the Children at Conference Registrar by Wednesday, April 30, 2008.**

Registrar: Colleen Blair

c/o 1525 Taylor Way

West Vancouver, BC V7S 1N5

Phone: 604-922-3961 Fax: 604-922-2680

The final selection of the thirty participants will be made soon after the application deadline. Every child will be notified if she or he has been selected or not. Children selected will receive further information later in April.

If you have any questions, please contact the Coordinator of Children at Conference,
Jen Cunnings at South Arm United Church

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Application Form for children is attached

**Application Form for 79th General Meeting
Children at BC Conference Programme**
(Deadline for application is April 30, 2008)

I would like to be one of the children at the General Meeting of BC Conference at Capilano College in North Vancouver, from May 22 to May 25, 2008.

I understand that only 30 children will be attending from the whole province. If I am selected I will be joining a group of children (ages 8 to 12) to participate in many different ways in this important church meeting.

CHILD (please print)	
Your name _____	
Address _____	
_____	Postal Code _____
Phone Number _____	Age _____ Male or Female (circle one)
Your email address if you have one _____	
Home Congregation's name _____	
Why would you like to go be part of the "Children at Conference" programme? (Please answer on the back of this sheet)	
Signature _____	Date _____

PARENT or Guardian (please complete)	
The adult responsible for the above child during this Conference time will be:	
Name _____ Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> (check one)	
Address _____	
_____	Postal Code _____
Parent or Guardian: I will ensure that I or the adult delegate specified above acting as a sponsor will take overall responsibility for my child during the Annual Meeting of B.C. Conference, May 22 – 25, 2008.	
Print Name _____	Signature _____

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Mail to:	Colleen Blair
	Children's Registrar, BC Conference,
	1525 Taylor Way, West Vancouver, BC V7S 1N5
Email:	colleen@stdavidsunited.com

PARENT or SPONSOR (please complete and sign)

Please read and sign the following:

I, as parent or adult sponsor of _____, at the 79th General Meeting of B.C. Conference of the United Church, will assume overall responsibility for this child. This will involve seeing that the child gets to the Conference and is registered. I will accompany the child to his/her meeting area, to meet the leaders of the Children at Conference programme. I will exchange billeting information with the child so that we can contact each other after hours in case of emergency. I will have daily contact with the child in a planned setting or an informal setting in his/her meeting room, and assume responsibility for returning the child to his/her home following the Conference.

Sponsor's signature _____

PARENT or GUARDIAN (please complete and sign)

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Name of child _____

Allergies _____

Medications _____

Physical limitations _____

Are there any special needs or life situations (such as, dietary restrictions, recent death in the family, etc.) that leaders need to be aware of?

Medical Plan and Number _____

I authorize the leaders of Children at Conference to obtain emergency medical aid if necessary for my child.

_____ (Parent/Guardian signature)

Emergency contact person while your child is attending Children at Conference:

Name (please print) _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____