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Dear Parents and Youth,

This summer, a record number of youth represented our congregation at the Montreat Youth Conference. Because of this bounty, we were at capacity in both housing and transportation. With such a large number of youth attending, we realized that all participants (adult leaders and youth) in youth trips need to know one another well, as we prepare to spend a week together in tight quarters and exhausting, exhilarating activity. In an effort to ensure that we are all invested in our programs and one another, we are requiring that the youth who attend week long summer trips participate in at least 4 Sunday night youth programs per semester.

As always, the youth will be required to work at least three shifts in the pumpkin patch. The Pumpkin Patch fundraiser pays for transportation and other expenses reducing the overall cost per youth from approximately \$800 to \$500 for the high school Montreat Conference and \$750 to \$450 for the Middle School Montreat Conference/Mission Trip. If a youth cannot serve three shifts in the patch, their cost for these trips will be \$800 and \$750, respectively.

The Youth and Families committee would also like to clarify a few other specifics regarding deposits and payments for High School and Middle School Montreat: **Deposits:** A \$100 **non-refundable** deposit is due December 1st for Middle School Montreat and a \$100 **non-refundable** deposit is due September 20th for High School Montreat.

Deposit Due Dates: The past few years, Montreat has given deadlines for deposits with a \$10 increase each month. Up until this year, the church has not enforced the deadline and has not increase the amount due for those paying later than December 1st. However, we can no longer incur this expense. If you register after December 1st, your deposit will increase an additional \$10 on the first of each month.

Cancellation Policy: Montreat has a no refund policy within 60 days of the start of the conference. Therefore, your balance will be due 60 days prior to the conference. If you cancel within sixty days, we will not be able to refund your payments. Payment Schedule: We are willing to work with all families on a payment schedule. Families have paid in full or in payments of \$10 or more per week. Please contact shannon@faithpcusa.org to work out a payment schedule.

On the other side of this letter, you should find a copy of our summer trip information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shannon, <u>shannon@faithpcusa.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Youth and Families Committee