

## Speaker

Rev. Elaine Bowen,  
Ashland Presbyterian Church

Elaine enjoys taking walks with her two dogs, Princess and Marty, as well as spending time working on her garden and playing the guitar.



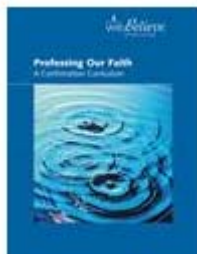
## Dear Pastors, Educators, and Persons Responsible for Confirmation

**P**resbytery of the James Confirmation Retreat is an opportunity to enhance your confirmation program with additional instruction and a live example of the connectional nature of the Presbyterian Church. Consider adding this program to your confirmation process.

The curriculum used at the conference will come from the Presbyterian (U.S.A.) "We Believe: Professing our Faith" Confirmation curriculum. We encourage (but not require) you to check into this resource in preparation for the weekend.

The cost is \$87/person (youth & adults). This includes two nights at Camp Hanover. Please consider helping to cover a portion of the cost for your confirmands.

A limited number of scholarships are available through the Committee on Youth Ministry. Please contact the Presbytery Office to inquire.



Registration forms are due by February 10. Registrations received after the deadline will be \$95.

The retreat begins at 6:30 pm on Friday evening and ends at noon on Sunday afternoon.

We look forward to sharing this special event with you and your confirmation class as they continue on their journey of faith.

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## Presbytery of the James

3218 Chamberlayne Ave.  
Richmond, VA. 23227

# Confirmation Retreat Professing our Faith



February 24-26, 2012

Camp Hanover  
Friday 6:30 pm—Sunday Noon

Open to all ages, especially  
Middle School Students

Sponsored by  
Youth Ministry Purpose Group  
Presbytery of the James

**PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH EVENT COVENANT**

This covenant is for both the youth and adults who attend Presbytery youth events, such as retreats, rally days, mission trips, and youth conferences as representatives of the Presbytery of the James, etc. A great deal of time, effort, prayer, and money go into preparing a youth event, and much is to be gained in its good stewardship. Seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, while at a Presbytery of the James youth event, I/we make the following covenants:

**Stewardship of Sabbath:** This event and place have been set apart from a busy world for a closer encounter with God and our sisters and brothers in Christ. I/we covenant to separate ourselves physically and mentally from the outer world as much as possible throughout the event to give our spirits space to grow. We will seek to hear God's claim on our lives through the opportunities provided, participating to the best of our abilities in all planned activities. Responsible choices about limitations on the use of technology devices are essential to this promise.

**Stewardship of Time:** Recognizing that every minute of our lives is a gift from God, I/we covenant to be good stewards of our time at this event. Being on time to programs and meals and not leaving early, honoring lights out and getting good rest, taking time to pray, experience nature, form new friendships, and enjoy recreation are among the ways I/we covenant to prioritize our use of time at this event.

**Stewardship of Self:** Our bodies are living temples of the Spirit. To care for ourselves and be role models to others, I/we covenant to refrain from smoking, alcohol and illegal drugs, and the possession of such substances during the event, understanding that those who do not refrain are subject to parental notification and/or immediate dismissal from the event.

**Stewardship of Others:** During the event, feel the Spirit moving through you and those around you. Disruptive behavior, words, and choices of attire prevent us from getting the most out of the time that we have together. I/We covenant to avoid such actions and not to accept them in others. I/We will encourage the best in others, seek to listen to and respect what they bring, being considerate of one another at all times.

**Stewardship of Belongings:** While here, I/we covenant to live faithfully in the Community of Believers. Each member is responsible for proper management of her/his own belongings and the respect of others' belongings. It is inadvisable to bring items of great material value, those that are irreplaceable, and those that are unnecessary or potentially distracting. Vehicles should be parked, locked, and not driven or accessed during the event, except in an emergency.

**Stewardship of Place:** This place and its resources were created by God and faithful people for you, and people who come after you, to use and enjoy. Any lack of consideration, misuse, littering, vandalism or property damage represents poor stewardship. I/We covenant to treat this place with reverence, refraining from such poor stewardship and taking personal responsibility if we cause it. I/We will endeavor to leave the location in better condition upon departure than when we arrived

Yes No (circle one) I hereby grant Presbytery of the James permission to interview me and/or to use my likeness in photograph(s)/video(s)/slide presentation(s) in any and all of its publications and in any and all other media, whether now known or hereafter existing, controlled by Presbytery of the James, in perpetuity, and for other use by Presbytery of the James. I will make no monetary or other claims(s) against Presbytery of the James for the use of the interview and/or the photograph(s)/video(s)/slide presentation(s) resulting following this date.

Participant's Name (Please Print)	Participant's Signature
_____	_____
Parent/Guardian's Name (Please Print)	
_____	
Parent/ Guardian's Signature	
_____	
Church: _____	Date: _____

**Policies:** **VANDALISM AND PROPERTY DAMAGE** Any person who damages or destroys property will be responsible for the cost of replacement and repair.

**SMOKING** All POJ events are SMOKE-FREE.

**DISRUPTING EVENT ACTIVITIES** A great deal of time, effort, prayer, and money go into preparing a youth event. Disruptive behavior during assemblies, workshops or worship times, or other planned activities makes it hard for everyone to get the most out of the time that we have together. Participants can expect 2 warnings about this from any adult leader. Anyone who continues to disrupt will not be invited to the next event and may be dismissed from the current event in addition to having the opportunity to explain their actions to their parents, guardians, or pastor.

**PERSONAL BELONGINGS** You are responsible for your own belongings. Do not bring any items that are of great value to you.

**ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS** Any youth or adult found in possession of illegal substances will be dismissed from the event and may be subject to arrest.

**DRIVING** Vehicles driven to the event should be parked and locked. They should neither be driven nor visited during the event, except in an emergency. Upon leaving the event, drivers must drive 20 mph or less while on camp premises and must carry passengers only inside vehicles.

**REGISTRATION**  
FOR YOUTH and ADULT ADVISORS  
**CONFIRMATION RETREAT**  
**February 24-26 2012**  
*"Professing Your Faith"*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: 6 7 8 GENDER: M F

CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: (Please attach a letter)

ADULT LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*One adult leader must accompany every 6 youth (or any fraction of 6) from each church!!!!**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**February 10, 2012**

*Registration is not complete without, a signed health/medical form, and parental approval must accompany registration.*

*Registration form can be found at [presbyteryofthejames.org](http://presbyteryofthejames.org), YOUTH or by request.*

Questions: please contact Lyndsey McCall lyndseym@pbyjames.org or 804-262-2074

**Complete form and mail to:**  
**CAMP HANOVER**  
**3163 PARSLEYS MILL RD.**  
**MECHANICSVILLE, VA 23111**

**HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION**  
FOR YOUTH AND ADULT ADVISORS

Name of participant \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Age at Event \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Address of Parent/Guardian (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency contact: (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please give any medical/physical information which might limit or prevent the participant's full involvement in this event and/or would help us to work more effectively with your child:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is this participant taking any prescribed medication?

YES NO, If so, what and what is it for \_\_\_\_\_

(CIRCLE ONE)

\_\_\_\_\_

Policy Statement—it is the policy of this youth/group/ church/event that all prescribed medication be kept and dispensed by the adult leader of the group named below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT NAME OF GROUP LEADER)

Agree to have the adult leader named above to keep and dispense my child's medication(s) while on the youth retreat.

If there should be an emergency which requires medical attention and I am unable to be reached, I hereby authorize the physician chosen by the adult leader named above to hospitalize, secure treatment and order injection, anesthesia, x-ray, or surgery for my child named above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN —REQUIRED—)

RELATIONSHIP TO PARTICIPANT DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
MEDICAL INSURANCE CARRIER OF PARTICIPANT