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Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace

## **JOURNEY TO JUSTICE:**

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP RETREAT 2017**

SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2017

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SALMON ARM, B.C.

## **PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM**

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Thank you for your interest in attending our *Development and Peace Young Adult Leaders Retreat*. This application form will help us better understand your desire to attend, what social justice issues you are passionate about, and what you hope to achieve during the weekend. The information provided will remain confidential and will be viewed only by Development and Peace staff and youth leaders.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE WEEKEND**

There are **three main objectives** of the *Young Adult Leaders Retreat*:

1. Participants will be equipped with a better understanding of the root causes of and potential solutions to a variety of global issues. This will include activities and presentations relating to Development and Peace and our partners, international development, the essential role of women in the global south, and climate change
2. We will explore and answer the question: "Why do we, as Catholics, have a responsibility to ensure that creation and those most vulnerable are cared for?" This will be accomplished primarily through an examination of *Catholic Social Teaching* – the Church's doctrines on issues relating to social justice – as well as moments of spiritual reflection.
3. To equip participants with the tools, skills and resources necessary to become more effective leaders and advocates for social change. Following the retreat, participants will be encouraged take on a youth leadership role in order to help grow the Development and Peace youth movement in their parish, school, community and/or diocese.

These objectives will be accomplished through a variety of presentations, guest speakers, discussions, debates, group activities, spiritual reflection and the creation of a more unified, informed youth presence in our region.

## MOTIVATION FOR ATTENDING

In order to get a better understanding of your experiences and desire to attend this retreat, we encourage you to answer the following questions. This will provide organizers with a better understanding of participants' interests and expectations. Please note we do not require participants to have a thorough background knowledge of social justice issues.

1- **Why do you want to be a part of the *Development and Peace Young Adult Leaders Retreat*?**

2- **What sort of leadership experience do you have? Are there particular skills you would like to develop in this regard?**

**3 - What are some issues/topics you are interested in? (select up to six)**

- ADVOCACY
- AGRICULTURE/AGROECOLOGY/FOOD SOVEREIGNTY
- CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION AND HEALTH
- HUMAN RIGHTS
- INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- MINING JUSTICE
- PEACE/CONFLICT RESOLUTION/SECURITY
- POLITICS
- SUSTAINABILITY
- WATER
- WOMEN'S RIGHTS/EQUALITY
  
- OTHER(PLEASE SPECIFY)

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**4 - Do you have a medical condition of which we should be made aware (allergies, asthma, diabetes, depression, etc.)?**

Personal Information:

**Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

**City and Province:**

**Phone Number:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Name of Parish and/or University:**

**Do you have a driver's licence and access to a vehicle? YES  NO**

**Are you willing to drive others to and from the Retreat? YES  NO**

*Note: travel costs will be covered for drivers*

Emergency Contact Information:

**Emergency Contact Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**E-mail:**

Meals and accommodations will be provided. Additional information (including an agenda and list of what to bring) will be forwarded to successful applicants. Transportation (carpools) to and from the retreat will be provided wherever possible. Routes will be determined based on applicant locations.

**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature :** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form (and any questions) by **September 5, 2016** to:  
[jlaurie@devp.org](mailto:jlaurie@devp.org)