

CONFERENCE OF MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO PRESENTS:

ALF 2018

WHERE: Brandon-Central United Church, Brandon, MB

WHEN: October 19-21, 2018

Wait... What on earth is ALF?

ALF is a youth retreat, organized by the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario! It takes place during the SAGE school in-service long weekend, and it's open to anybody between grades 7-12!

Okay... But what's a youth retreat!?

A youth retreat is... well, it's a lot of things! Mostly, it's a great opportunity to meet lots of people and make lots of new friends from all over our Conference (Manitoba and North Western Ontario). It's a time to laugh, learn, worship, dance, sing, talk, and more. It's a chance to explore and deepen our faith in God in new and exciting ways. It's a safe, warm, welcoming, and friendly environment where you can just be yourself! Everybody is accepted, and nobody is judged. That sounds pretty great!

So, what do you do at a youth retreat?

Good question! Youth retreat activities are mostly broken down into 3 categories – theme, worship, and social.

Theme is a big part of the retreat, and it changes with each event. The theme for ALF 2018 is “Remembering, Celebrating, Imagining” – meaning we’ll talk about the United Church’s past, present, and future. How has/does/can the United Church nurture our faith in God? There’s usually a big group activity that allows us to dig even deeper into the theme – but you’ll have to come to find out exactly what it is!

Worship is another important part of the weekend. Each day of the event, we’ll take time to join together in worship and give thanks to God for the time we spend together. We also join with our host congregation for their worship service on Sunday morning.

Social is everything else! We play lots of games, either as a large group or in smaller “home groups”. There’s lots of time to just hang out and chat with your new (and old) friends. And, there’s a big dance party in the evening!

If that all sounds awesome to you (or even if you’re still a little hesitant), we’d love to see you there!

Registration is available online through the Conference website (www.mnwo.ca). If the cost is more than your family can afford, there is financial aid available, to ensure those who wish to attend are able to do so.

	Return Participant to ALF or ZEEBU	First Time at ALF or ZEEBU
Early-bird – by Sept. 13	\$80	\$80
Deadline – by Oct. 8	\$90	\$80
Late but we’ll still take you by Oct. 17	\$100	\$90

Can’t wait to meet you! Bring a friend (or twelve)!