19th Annual
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Summer Youth Institute

At Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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The Miller Summer Youth Institute at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is a program for high school students graduating in 2015 or 2016. The Institute gathers 24 amazing students from around the country to worship, engage in mission projects, learn from graduate level faculty, and have fun! The program allows students to understand better who God is calling them to be and what God is calling them to do. We invite you to look through this brochure and visit our website - www.pts.edu/syi - to see if SYI is right for you or for an outstanding young person that you know. Our 460 alums can attest that SYI is a program that will invite you to ask questions of your faith and yourself. It will challenge you to think deeply, to participate in community, and to push outside of your comfort zone and into the future to which God is calling you!

**LOCATION**
Pittsburgh Seminary is an enclosed 13-acre campus in Pittsburgh’s East Liberty neighborhood. Its beautiful trees, broad lawns, and stately brick buildings provide a serene atmosphere for spiritual reflection and intellectual encouragement. Use the physical fitness center or take a walk through nearby Highland Park. Free WiFi is available throughout campus.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS**
You’ll stay on campus in residence hall rooms with an adult supervisor overseeing small groups of participants. All meals are provided.

**PROGRAM COST**
The actual cost of SYI is $1,415 per student. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to charge only $600 per student for the entire program plus the cost of transportation. This includes tuition, books, lodging, admission to special events (Gateway Clipper, Pirates game, Kennywood amusement park), and more than 30 meals and snacks. Each year, a limited number of scholarships are available to cover the $600 program fee as well. For our scholarship recipients, the only out of pocket cost is the price of travel to and from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and a $75 deposit required for admission to the program. To be considered for a scholarship, please submit a scholarship application. If you have any questions, please contact us at syi@pts.edu.

**APPLICATIONS**
Applicants must be graduating from high school in 2015 or 2016. There are two application deadlines. The Early Application Deadline is April 1, 2015. Apply by this date and the application fee of $30 will be waived. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status as soon as all of their information is received. All materials and the $75 registration fee must be turned in by May 1, 2015. The website will be updated when we have a full roster and are no longer accepting applications. For an application, scholarship application, or more information, visit www.pts.edu/syi or contact us at syi@pts.edu and we will send you an application.

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Worship is an integral part of our community. The SYI musician in residence will lead us in worship twice a day. In addition, we will worship at local churches throughout the week. Worship is integral, but growing in our understanding of worship is even more important. We invite our youth to think critically about worship and to challenge the larger church with ideas about what innovative worship could look like.
Studying with graduate level faculty is a part of the normal routine at SYI. This year all students will take classes in Hebrew, Greek, Bible, and an Elective (in theology, worship, or ethics). During these classes, students are expected to ask questions and dig deeper in their faith and faith practices.
SYI has a collaborative partnership with the Garfield Farm (www.garfieldfarm.com) and Open Hand Ministries (www.openhandpittsburgh.org). During the Institute we will spend time with both of these ministries learning about what they do and participating in their typical routines. Students will work on transforming an abandoned home into one that is ready to be owned by a local resident and will work on an urban farm harvesting produce to sell or give to families in Pittsburgh that need fresh produce.
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SYI is so much fun! Whether playing ultimate Frisbee, going to Kennywood Amusement Park, watching Fourth of July Fireworks on the Gateway Clipper, a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game, walking to the coffee shop, eating tons of ice cream, or just hanging out, SYI 2015 will be an incredible time for all of our students and staff!
“SYI gave me an opportunity to seriously think about where God was leading me among other people facing the same question. It gave me guidance at a time when I was questioning all that I thought I knew about my call and about God.”
- Joel, SYI 2010

“SYI taught me that Christ’s message of love and reconciliation is still so relevant to us today, and it showed me that the church, as a witness to that message, has the responsibility of going beyond the four walls of a sanctuary to bring about that love and reconciliation to our communities.”
- Chris, SYI 2010 / Staff SYI 2014

“My SYI colleagues questioned my faith, played devil’s advocate, and supported me throughout all my trying times. SYI is a family that I am forever grateful for.”
- Morgan, SYI 2010 / Staff SYI 2014

“SYI showed me a side of the church that I had never seen before! I grew in a way I never had at any other youth program. I learned so much and made life lasting bonds. To me those bonds are proof that the spirit lives in each of us.”
- Kylee, SYI 2012

“I feel more comfortable going into college since SYI was a short glimpse of the transitions I’ll have to go through then with roommates and a new setting. SYI helped confirm my choice in going into ministry and I can’t help but tell the world constantly about my experience.”
- Andrea, SYI 2013

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