



PRAISE
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PSALM 150:6

REGISTRATION/HOUSING/DEADLINES/FEEES

Eligibility:

Conventioneers:

- Students must be at least age 14, but no older than 19 by convention, and must have completed grade 9 in school, but no more than grade 12 immediately prior to convention. Students may attend no more than four conventions.

Sponsors:

- Minimum age 21 by convention.
- RYS strongly recommends groups adhere to a 5:1 student/sponsor ratio.
- Sponsors are required to attend convention events and remain on campus with their conventioneers all week.
- All sponsors are required to complete the child safety screening emailed to them after registration.

Registration Fees:

Member Churches

- Prior to April 16: \$480 (U.S.) per person
- April 16-30: \$530 (U.S.) per person

Non-member Churches

- Prior to April 16: \$530 (U.S.) per person
- April 16-30: \$580 (U.S.) per person
- After April 30: You may be placed on a waiting list by contacting RYS Director Paul Van Dyke at rysdirector@gmail.com.



Cancellations:

- Before May 31: Cancellations will be refunded less \$50, and transfers can be made with an additional \$25 fee.
- On or after May 31: There will be no refunds or transfers.

Travel:

- Wheaton College is located in Wheaton, IL about 30 min from the Chicago O'Hare International airport and 50 min from Chicago Midway International
- Travel is your own responsibility. RYS has no shuttle service, or pre-event/post-event housing available on campus.

Convention Schedule:

- Check-in: Between 1-5 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, July 21.
- Convention concludes around 11 a.m. (CDT) on Friday, July 25.
- Lunch will be provided soon after the last session on Friday.
- All conventioneers must be off campus by 1 p.m. (CDT).

Questions:

- Please contact RYS Director Paul Van Dyke at rysdirector@gmail.com.

How To Register:

- Go to www.reformedyouthservices.org
- Registration will open January 13.
- Click on the Convention tab
- Complete the online registration form
- A designated leader/primary contact from each church must create an account and will be able to view information regarding their students.

Choose only one roommate: The roommate you choose must also name you on their registration forms. Married sponsors may room together. Note: bathrooms may be on separate floors for married sponsors.

Choose your workshops: Everyone will attend five workshops, including a mandatory guy/girl workshop. Select five other workshops in the order of your preference so that we can schedule you for four workshops of your choosing.

Complete the medical forms: Parents must sign the medical release form by checking the box online. (You can do this yourself if you are 18 or older.)

Rules form: Read and sign the rules form by checking the box online. We expect everyone to honor this agreement; please take it seriously.

Apparel: You may pre-purchase a convention sweatshirt (\$30) or a RYS hat in black (\$15) when you register. There will be a limited number available at convention.

Payment - Leaders Please Note: After registration is closed, your primary contact will be emailed an invoice. Please **confirm** that **all** of your participants are listed on the invoice! Wait until you receive your invoice to make your payment. Mail one group payment to: Reformed Youth Services and **write Convention on the memo line.** 6442 36th Ave., Hudsonville, MI 49426. Payments are due postmark May 31; late payments will be charged a late fee.



How can I defend God's Word and the wisdom of the Christian life against those who attack it? How should I explain the Christian faith to a nonbeliever? What can help my faith when I struggle with doubts? This workshop will help you be more confident in the truth of the Christian faith in the midst of an often hostile culture.

Rev. Nick Smith is the pastor at Christ Reformed of Nampa, ID.



From the moment we are born on the Earth to the moment we die, we are in a cosmic war. Satan and his minions are constantly and tirelessly working to keep mankind in a state of ignorance. But as Reformed Confessional Bible believers, how should we see through the deception of Satan? How should we engage this spiritual warfare?

Rev. Praveen Muthusamy is the pastor at Hills URC of Hills, MN.



Stop, Drop, and Pray. Experience prayer as an engaging conversation with God, more fulfilling than any social media. Join this workshop to

improve your relationship with Him. Gain practical skills to make prayer feel like a delight rather than a duty. Leave eager for meaningful, compelling conversations that transform your interactions with God. Don't miss this opportunity!

Rev. Ken Anema is the associate pastor at Immanuel URC of DeMotte, IN.



It's easy to think that porn is something you will never be exposed to or tempted by

but for most people, there will be some point where Satan opens that door. Or maybe you are walking with someone struggling with this issue. This workshop will show that Christ provides a way of escape and genuine freedom from this worldly sin.

(Guys and Girls only grouping)
Rev. Jeff De Boer is the pastor at Redeemer OPC of Ada, MI.



The term deconstruction is defined as the systematic dissecting of one's beliefs. "Deconstruction" is a buzzword that permeates the evangelical world but what exactly does it mean? Is it positive or negative? Can it be both? With so many questions and confusion surrounding this movement, this workshop will provide historical context, Biblical insight, and comfort and hope to those questioning the validity of Biblical Christianity.

Rev. Russell Herman is the pastor at Cloverdale URC of Boise, ID.



Whose approval do you live for? As Christians we declare we live for the Lord. If that's true in your life, will that impact how you live?

Will that give you greater courage to live out your faith in an increasingly hostile culture? We will look at some stories of bold Christians to see how their living for an 'Audience of One' shaped their lives in powerful ways!

Rev. Tyler Wagonmaker is the pastor at Beaverdam CRC of Hudsonville, MI.

Predicting what we want to do after we graduate high school seems about as accurate as a weather forecast. Should I go to college or trade school? Or should I stay close to home and work a 'normal' job? Discerning this question can often lead to anxiety, even as strong believers. This workshop will address how we can faithfully plan for our future in light of God's perfect will, even when we don't have 100% certainty of the future.

Rev. Joel Worries is the pastor at the United Reformed Church of Wellsburg, IA.



Are you too blessed to be stressed? Then why do we experience so much anxiety every day? In this workshop, we will explore what is often at the root of our

worries and discover biblical promises to both ease our burdens and fix our eyes on Jesus. **Rev. Jason Tuinstra is the pastor at Bethel URC of Jenison, MI.**



A GUY TO GUY TALK AM I CALLED TO THE MINISTRY?

Will you be called to serve the church as an elder, a deacon, or a minister? This workshop will address the Trinitarian calling to the ministry, with practical advice for young men and church leaders along the way. **Daniel Hofland is a Mid-America Reformed Seminary student.**

A GIRL TO GIRL TALK CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

Competition, pressure, decisions and comparisons...we are easily distracted from our true calling as Christian young women when we allow our lives to focus on the horizontal instead of the vertical. **Lori Dykstra is a certified biblical counselor through ACBC.**



Many students are concerned about getting good grades and preparing for college. While knowledge is important, even more important is growing in wisdom. Wisdom is learning how to get along in life, not just in school. We will look at the book of Proverbs see what it says about growing in wisdom and walking in its ways.

Rev. Bradd Nymeyer is the pastor at First United Reformed Church of Chino, CA.

Do we really have to forgive everyone who sins against us? What if we feel powerless to let go of anger or hurt? What about forgiving ourselves? This session will explore practical, biblical answers to these life changing questions. In addition to discovering what real forgiveness means, you will gain several keys that unlock our freedom in Christ to forgive.

Rev. Michael Spotts is the pastor at Phoenix URC of Phoenix, AZ.



In a world where there is so much hopelessness and striving after things, as Christians, let's consider on what it is we are building our hope. With many disappointments and changed plans, where do we find our hope? Are we truly looking to Christ? How do we renew our minds to place our hope in Christ alone?

Rev. Bob Van Manen is the pastor at Little farms Chapel OPC of Coopersville, MI.

Reformed Youth Services 2025 National Convention

Praise the Lord

If you could do one thing with excellence, what would it be? Among the many possibilities, did the best answer make your list? You might think of worship as one small and insignificant part of your life. But God wants more than that, for His sake and yours. You were made to worship. When you do, you fulfill your chief calling and experience the deepest possible joy.

While God honoring and joy giving worship must be heartfelt, worshipping God isn't a matter of following your heart. Our hearts are deceitful. We need a better guide. For generations the psalms have helped believers praise the Lord. The concluding psalms especially can inform our minds, warm our hearts, and stir us to the greatest calling we can undertake. They can train us to say—and truly mean—"it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting" (Ps. 147:1).

Main Session Speakers

Rev. William Boekestein is the pastor of Immanuel Fellowship Church in Kalamazoo, MI. Rev. Mike Schout is the pastor at Grace Fellowship OPC in Zeeland, MI.

Both have been frequent speakers and workshop leaders at other RYS Events.



“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!”
Psalm 150:6



Day Away And Other Fun Stuff!

We are excited to offer two great options for your day away: Experience Chicago's Six Flags Great America or Hurricane Harbor! Boys and girls basketball, spikeball, and co-ed volleyball tournaments will be held, as well as a 5K run. A variety of non-sport activities will also be available to enjoy.

Calling all talent!

Please start making plans to try out for our annual talent show. God-glorifying variety is highly encouraged! And don't miss out on joining the convention choir directed by our longtime song leader, Julie Bussis.

