



Leaside United Church

Faith Exploration for youth 13 years old and up

Overview:

Faith, religion, and spirituality are all complex terms that get used among “church” goers. The Faith exploration program has been created so that young people have a safe space to explore where they are in their journey. They will be encouraged to ask questions and challenge ideas or traditions that don’t make sense to them, with a particular focus on the United Church of Canada.

This group is for those who’ve made a decision about whether to re affirm their baptismal faith **and** those who have not yet made this decision. For those who’ve not yet made a decision on whether or not to re affirm their baptismal faith there will be an extra session at the end so that they can decide between one of three informed choices:

1. To affirm/re affirm their baptismal faith.
2. To not affirm or re/affirm their baptismal faith.
3. To wait and make their decision at a later time.

*****In order to make this decision participants must have attended at least 5 in house sessions + the final session as well as relevant field trips. We strongly encourage full attendance by all participants.***

The program will run from September to April and will include 7 in house sessions plus field trips.

****For those choosing whether to re affirm their baptismal faith there will be an extra session on May 27th and the re affirming service on Sunday June 3rd.***

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Date	Time	Topic
Sunday September 22 - 24	Weekend retreat	Are you there God? @Camp Big Canoe
Sunday October 1	7 to 9 pm	Sacred texts in our lives
Sunday November 5	7 to 9 pm	Jesus & peer pressure?
Sunday January 14	7 to 9 pm	Looking at Creation through the lens of popular music
Sunday February 11	7 to 9 pm	United Church of Canada: Justice Initiatives of today
Friday March 2	7 to 9 pm	Worship, Community & Mental Health
Sunday April 15	7 to 9 pm	Spirituality & Sexuality
<i>For those making a decision about re affirming their baptismal faith</i>		
Sunday May 27	7 to 9 pm	Informed decisions and asking questions
Sunday June 3	10:30 am	Affirming/ Re Affirming celebration

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