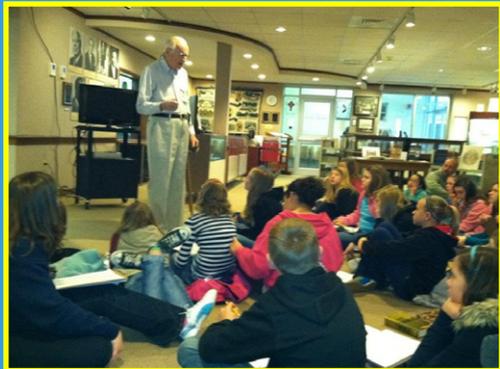


## About the Weekends

The mission of the Intentional Growth Center's Confirmation weekends is to **serve youth and those who work with youth by preparing young people to understand the decision they will make on Confirmation Sunday.** We focus on helping young people to **understand God's desire to have a relationship with them and what it means to be a meaningful part of the Church** for the transformation of the world.

Youth **worship** together and hear **messages** from our star lineup of speakers throughout the weekends. These messages will help young people see God's grace in their own lives and understand the decision they will make before the church. The **Saturday workshops** will prepare youth to understand what it means to live out their faith in Christ in the context of their own lives and communities.



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## Workshops

### "I Promise" Workshops

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness, and **(NEW!)** Discover Your Call

Youth will attend five mini-workshops on Saturday, each covering a different aspect of what it means to be a part of the body of Christ. Our expert workshop leaders will cover how young people can be faithful in their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Youth will come away with actionable ways they can live their lives as devoted followers of Christ. Then, youth will engage in an interactive workshop to brainstorm ways they can utilize their unique passions and talents to discover their call to follow Christ.

### World Methodist Museum

Youth will tour the World Methodist Museum, where they will discover more about John Wesley and the roots of United Methodism.

### New! ZOE

ZOE is a United Methodist-affiliated nonprofit breaking the cycle of extreme poverty around the world by empowering orphans and vulnerable children to become entrepreneurs who are socially, economically, and spiritually strong —transforming entire communities in the process! Youth will experience serving by coordinating their own fundraising campaign for ZOE before coming to Lake Junaluska. Kids will then get to celebrate their fundraising efforts as they come to understand how Christians, regardless of age or circumstance, can unite to make a real, lasting difference in the World.

Learn more at [zoehelps.org](http://zoehelps.org).

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- Confirmation Retreat Weekends 2019**
- March 8-10, 2019 with Rev. Corey Millet
  - March 15-17, 2019 with Rev. Carolyn Poling
  - March 22-24, 2019 with Rev. Kevin Bates
  - March 29-31, 2019 with Rev. Melanie Gordon
  - April 5-7, 2019 with Rev. Duffy Robbins
  - April 12-14, 2019 with David Benson
  - November 8-10, 2019 with Rev. Carolyn Poling

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# Meet the Speakers



**Rev. Corey Millet** has been serving alongside teenagers in Youth Ministry for 14 years. She currently serves as the Director of Youth, College and Young Adult Ministries at Matthews UMC in Matthews, NC. Corey is also the lead teaching pastor at the 801South worship service on Sunday mornings. Corey graduated with her Masters of Christian Education and a specialization in Youth Ministries from Pfeiffer University in August 2014 and is a Full Connection Deacon of the United Methodist Church in the WNCC. She loves spending time with teenagers, helping them discover their identity in Christ, and finding ways that God is at work in their lives. Join Corey **March 8 - 10**.



**Rev. Carolyn Poling** is a deacon in the North Georgia Conference who is currently teaching in the Morgan County School System. She loves hanging out in her ENO, walking her English bull terrier, Zion, and is an avid Georgia "Bulldawg" fan. Spend the weekends of **March 15 - 17** and **Nov. 8 - 10** with Carolyn!



**Rev. Kevin Bates** is a United Methodist pastor, serving at Piney Mountain and Davis Chapel. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke Divinity school. While at Duke Divinity School, Kevin was a Fellow in the Thriving Rural Communities Initiative—a program which seeks to encourage and celebrate the gifts of rural communities and the people who live there—especially youth. Kevin is an avid hiker and gardener, and he serves on the steering team for the Creation Care Alliance of Western North Carolina. He and his wife Mary live in Candler, NC. Kevin's weekend is **March 22 - 24**.



**Rev. Melanie Gordon** holds an M.Div. from Duke Divinity School and a BA in Elementary Education from Clemson University. She is the author of *What Every Child Should Experience: A Guide for Teachers and Leaders in United Methodist Congregations*, *Children's Ministry Guidelines for 2013-16 Quadrennium*, and more. Melanie served as Director of Ministry with Children in the Leadership Ministries Division of Discipleship Ministries of the UMC. Melanie is dedicated to helping teachers, leaders, and congregations create an experience that invites, engages and empowers children to build a mature and vital faith. Join Melanie **March 29 - 31**.



**Rev. Duffy Robbins** is a Professor of Youth Ministry at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. A thirty-five year veteran of youth ministry, he's a bestselling author and co-author of *Enjoy the Silence*, *Speaking to Teenagers*, *Youth Ministry Nuts and Bolts* and many more. Duffy speaks around the world to teenagers and people who care about teenagers. Spend the **April 5 - 7** weekend with Duffy.



**David Benson** has vast experience and energy when it comes to working with youth. Throughout his many years of ministry experience, David has proven that he can engage students and leaders in effective ways. David has a BA in Youth Ministry and a certification in Organizational Management, both from Southwestern. He also has a certification in Youth Ministry from YMI, Orlando. David and his wife, Claire, have been married for over seven years and have two children, John Hodges and Larson. David's weekend is **April 12 - 14**.



## Housing Options

Housing Reservations are made separately through the Conference Center at **800-222-4930**. Costs are per person and includes 2 nights lodging and 4 meals (three meals on Saturday & Sunday breakfast.) Reservation requests received 30 days or less prior to the event date may be subject to prevailing rate and availability. A \$50.00/person deposit is required at time of booking.

**Cancellations:** \$15.00/person up to 15 days prior to event. No refunds given less than 15 days to event date.

**West End Per Person Option:** Junaluska Apartments, Lakeside Lodge, Mountainview, or Sunnyside with meals at the Jones Cafeteria: \$166.00/single, \$116.00/double, \$98.00/triple, \$94.00/quad occupancies. (Applicable taxes will be added to the rates above.)

**Upgrade Option:** Terrace Hotel and Lambuth Inn. Visit [lakejunaluska.com/accommodations](http://lakejunaluska.com/accommodations).

**Other Options:** The Providence Lodge and Sunset Inn are privately owned and available for groups. Call Anne at 828-550-9729 for rates and availability. Cottage Rentals: privately owned homes, apartments and cottages managed by the Lake Junaluska Conference Center, call 800-222-4930 ext. 2 for rates and availability. Groups of 10 or more wishing to eat on campus are asked to purchase meal tickets in advance by calling 800-222-4930.

## Program Costs

Program fee includes: mini-workshop materials, museum tour, stole and t-shirt. Program fees are refundable less a \$10/ person processing fee up to 30 days before event. Refunds will not be issued less than 30 days from the event.

**\$80.00/youth | \$70.00/adult | \$60.00/clergy & church staff**

Stay at a West End or Upgrade option for a 10% discount on total program fee.

Register at [intentionalgrowthcenter.org/confirmation](http://intentionalgrowthcenter.org/confirmation) or call 1-800-482-1442.

# Registration

Weekend: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Youth @ \$80.00 ea: \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults @ \$70.00 ea: \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Clergy/Paid Staff @ \$60.00 ea: \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Program Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deduct 10% if staying in Conference Center lodging: -\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Check enclosed made payable to the Intentional Growth Center (IGC).

Pay by Credit Card: # \_\_\_\_\_

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## Introducing... Brian Allen

New to IGC's Confirmation Retreat Weekends is worship leader Brian Allen. With his ministry, More Than Conquerors, Brian sings original songs, leads worship events, gives his testimony and preaches. Three of his songs have topped the independent contemporary Christian radio charts. God is using his music in a mighty way to spread the Gospel. **Learn more about Brian and his ministry at [brianallenmusic.com](http://brianallenmusic.com).**