

Don't Worry Pastors!

If you elect to participate in the Confirmation Retreat, your role in bringing younger youth to a meaningful decision will never be more important. The retreat format will provide education in an expanded, diverse community and the time apart will help the confirmands to center themselves more completely. However, the pastoral role remains vital.

PRIOR TO THE RETREAT

- Select counselors who will be good role models. They must be senior high age or older. We will need 1 counselor for every 5 students of each gender and at least 1 counselor for each gender you send. *(For example: if you have 2 boys and 3 girls, send a male and a female counselor. For 6 boys and 3 girls, send two male and one female counselor.)*
- If you prefer to assign adult mentors to your confirmands on a one to one or one to two basis, you may do so and they will be seated with their students. Mentors, however, are not necessary for this year's retreat.
- Select and meet with your confirmands to explain the process you have chosen and to let them know that they will not be asked to make a decision at the retreat. We feel it is the pastor's role to work with the confirmand at the point of decision making.
- Organize transportation for the event and be there to send them off with prayer (if you are not accompanying them on the trip.)
- If you choose to use mentors, purchase a copy of the guide: "*Credo: Confirmation guide for parents, mentors & adult leaders*" from Cokesbury for each of them. (The confirmands student journal will be provided by Lakeshore for each of your students attending the event.)

AFTER THE RETREAT

- Hold a session with your confirmands (and mentors) to share the story of your local church. This would be a great time to have volunteers share what life in the local church has meant to them.
- Consider scheduling one or two field trips to such places as the "Upper Room Chapel" in Nashville, the Conference Connectional Ministries Office, United Methodist Neighborhood Center, Reelfoot Rural Ministries, and/or the Campus Ministries.
- Schedule and teach the final six sessions on making and living their commitment.
- Meet individually with each confirmand to discuss their experience and assist them in their decision.
- Consider meeting with their parents to help them with any concerns.
- Set up date to receive your confirmands into membership and baptize those not previously baptized.

Cost:


\$89.00 per participant (counselors, mentors and confirmands)

Register for both and get a \$10 discount - \$168 per participant (Pastors may attend at no charge)

(Fee covers cost of confirmand's student journal)

Mail payment, with registration form, to:

Lakeshore Confirmation Retreat
1458 Pilot Knob Rd , Eva, TN 38333



Retreat #1– February 3-5 , 2012
The Basics

Retreat #2 - March 23-25, 2012
Wesleyan Uniqueness



Check in -7:00 pm Friday night
Check out - Sunday after the noon meal.

What to bring:

Warm clothes
Bathroom stuff
All bedding for a single bed (pillow too!)
Alarm Clock
Bible
Cooperative Spirit
Money for items from the camp store

Questions? - Call Gary Lawson at 731-584-6102 or email him at gary@lakeshoreuma.com

REGISTRATION FORM — CONFIRMATION RETREAT
\$89.00 per participant per retreat (\$168 if attending both - \$10 discount)

Name of Church Group: _____ Contact Person: _____ Daytime phone _____

Contact Person's Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____ Can we contact you by email? _____ **Retreat Choice:** Feb _____
 March _____
 Both _____

NAME OF PARTICIPANTS (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NEEDED)

<u>CONFIRMANDS (5th-8th grade)</u>		<u>COUNSELORS OR MENTORS (Need to be same gender as youth they work with)</u>	
1. _____ (F) (M) _____	AGE _____	1. _____	
2. _____ (F) (M) _____	AGE _____	2. _____	
3. _____ (F) (M) _____	AGE _____	3. _____	
4. _____ (F) (M) _____	AGE _____	4. _____	

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____



2012 Confirmation Retreats

Feb 3-5 : The Basics

March 23-25: Wesleyan Uniqueness

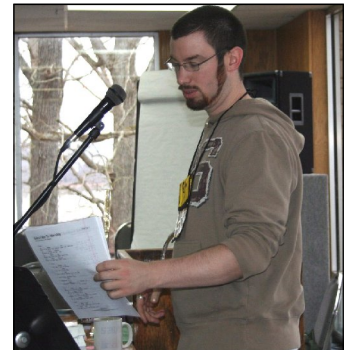
**Two Opportunities!
Two Unique Events!**

“Credo” (CREE-doh) is the latest and most creative confirmation curriculum available to our United Methodist family. It calls for 18 engaging sessions of two hours each. The burden of time, usually on the pastor, is as significant as it is important. **PLEASE ALLOW US TO HELP.** Credo offers three, 6 session modules that teach the story of our faith and the unique understanding of our United Methodist traditions.

February 3-5 retreat, **The Basics** will include these sessions: *Creation & Creator; Sin & Brokenness; Redemption & Jesus; The Holy Spirit; Christ’s Body - The Church; and The New Creation.* This first retreat will cover the educational components of the initial six session set.

March 23-25 retreat, **Wesleyan Uniqueness**, will focus on many of the unique aspects of life as a United Methodist. Sessions offered this weekend will be: *Way of Discipleship; Way of Salvation; Wesleyan Quadrilateral; Worship in the Wesleyan Tradition; Baptism & Holy Communion and Living the Holy Life.* The next six sessions will be covered by this retreat.

EACH RETREAT STANDS ON ITS OWN. You may choose to send your youth to one or both. We believe each of these retreats can help our pastors by offering what would typically be twelve hours of teaching in an intense but fun-filled weekend experience. The youth will not only learn the United Methodist understanding of faith, they will experience the connectional church at its best. We hope you will choose to send your youth to one or both weekends. We will promise to be faithful in honoring your trust.



Daniel Hampton will lead our music.

**Lakeshore Camp and
Retreat Center
5th-8th grade youth**

2012 Confirmation Retreats



**Feb 3-5
March 23-25**

Music by Daniel Hampton

**Sessions will be lead by qualified
Memphis Conference Clergy
and youth leaders**

