

2026 LEADERSHIP RETREAT

February 20-21, 2026

WEST CENTRAL REGION



YOUTH OF UNITY

PURPOSE

The purpose statement will be sent next week, but generally, we use processes that develop leadership skills while teaching the differences between core wants vs core needs, and how that allows us to determine the primary focus of any event or activity.

PLACE

Unity In Marin
600 Palm Dr, Novato, CA 94949

COST

Registration is \$60 if received on or before Feb 18th.
Registration is \$70 if received after Feb 18th.

WHAT TO BRING

1. Sleeping bag
2. Pillow
3. Comfortable cloths for warm and cold weather
(We have had cold rain and 90 degree days.)
4. Beauty essentials (deodorant, toothbrush, etc)
5. Tithe for musician

WHAT NOT TO BRING **(or lock in car)**

1. iPads, iPods, etc.
2. Cell phones
3. SNACKS !!!

WHO MAY ATTEND

Members of Y.O.U. & Uniteen Chapters of the West Central Region of the Association of Unity Churches who have attended at least four lessons or activities with their chapter, or are a regular part of their Sunday service or weekly/monthly group meeting. Y.O.U.ers must be older than 14 and younger than 19 years of age, and Uniteens must be older than 11 and younger than 14 years of age on Feb 20, 2026. Adults must be at least 25 years of age.

Youth Education Directors and volunteers from WCR churches - approved by their minister.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

FRIDAY Feb 20th

4:30 Registration
5:00 Family Leader Meeting
5:40 All Adult Meeting
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Opening/Introductions
7:30 Group Session #1
10:00 Vespers & Fuzzies
10:30 Bed Prep
11:00 Light Out

SATURDAY Feb 21st

7:00 Rise and Shine
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Morning Celebration
9:30 Group Session #2
11:30 Group Activity
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Group Session #3
3:00 Closing
4:00 Clean Up
4:30 Depart

Sponsor Responsibilities (Read Carefully)

Prior To Leadership:

Group Preparation:

1. Read and discuss group agreements, rally purpose and theme with YOUers & Uniteens attending.
2. Oversee the preparation of all Chapter assignments.

Check with Regional Officer regarding chapter assignments

3. Remind the teens that this is a spiritual event and to dress appropriately.

Submit Registration Package:

1. Chapter Registration Form: Fill in form with participant names and other information.
2. Completed and signed Medical Release Form, Media Release Form, and Group Agreements Form. (One for each person attending including adults.) **CHECK ALL INFO**
3. Send registration cover sheet to sponsormike@hotmail.com
4. Send CC payment form to sponsormike@hotmail.com, or use PayPal link. Bring all registration forms to rally

Travel:

1. Arrange for required number of adult drivers. All drivers must be 25 years of age or older.
2. Drivers need a copy of the Medical Release Form for each teen in their vehicle.

During Rally:

All Adults At All Times:

1. Attend "All Adult Meeting" 5:40 Friday in Main Room
2. Participate in all events in an enthusiastic and supportive manner.
3. Check attendance of your chapter members at all group assemblies. A look around the room is adequate.
4. Abide by the agreements.
5. Lock automobiles. (Electronic devices are to be locked in cars.)
6. Remain on grounds and be attentive to the needs of YOUers/Uniteens.
7. Loving and supportive "on-the-spot" guidance and discipline if required.
8. Report major discipline problems to Head Sponsor or Regional Consultant. Physical assistance (help set-up, be present, guide teens to scheduled events, etc.)

Cabin Sponsors:

1. All cabin members accounted for by "Lights Out".
2. Report absences to Head Sponsor immediately.
3. Check on cabin members health/medication needs.
4. Direct cabin clean-up on final day and during the event.

NOTE: All adults attending as YOU sponsors are assigned as cabin sponsors.