

Email to all Youth Pastors and Leaders

November 23, 2016

Posted on Go Mission! / Treasured Foundation November 24, 2016



December 28, 2016 to  
January 1, 2017  
Minneapolis, MN

**Treasured Foundation 2016 is just a few short weeks away! Tomorrow, it will be a month – that’s right – a month until Christmas Eve! I know your schedules are kinda crazy and there’s a lot going on. So that’s why I’m reminding you about some very important things as they relate to TF:**

**Treasured Foundation:** December 28 to January 1, 2017  
Crowne Plaza Aire Hotel, Bloomington, Minnesota

**Registration Deadline:**

**December 4, midnight** is the deadline. At that time, the [on-line registration](#) will be inactive, and you **will not be**

**able to register.** All payments for registration and transportation are due at the EMMC office in Winnipeg on December 9. Call Lil at 204-253-7929 or email [lil@gomission.ca](mailto:lil@gomission.ca) if you need assistance with payment arrangements.

### **Transportation**

Transportation from Manitoba and Saskatchewan will be provided by Beaver Bus Lines, and is organized through the TF Planning Committee.

- Pick-up points and times will be communicated to you once all the registrations are in. We need to know how many people are coming from which area so we can coordinate the bus pick-ups. You will be receiving transportation instructions in early December.
- Almost everyone will start the trek back home after the New Year’s Eve party. For the Manitoba folks, you will be arriving back to your home destination around 9am on January 1, 2017. Specific details on arrival times will be coming your way in early December – once everyone is registered.

### **Passports / Documentation:**

The following information comes from the [US Customs and Border Protection](#) website. **Please read it thoroughly** and ensure you have the appropriate documentation for your students. If they have a passport, that would be ideal. The TF Planning Committee will provide the letter on Organizational Letterhead with the requested information. We will arrange for “Bus Captains” for each bus, who will be responsible for the requested information as outlined below. The individuals on the TF buses will fall under the “religious group” category.

As part of the registration form, you (**Leaders**) will need to obtain parental consent for **all students under the age of 19**. Those forms are available for download from the [TF info](#) page on the Go Mission! website [www.gomission.ca](http://www.gomission.ca)

....

### **US Customs and Border Protection**

Children: Canadian citizens 15 years old and younger arriving by land or sea from contiguous territory may present an original or copy of his or her birth certificate or a Canadian Citizenship Card. Canadian Citizens 16 and older must have a valid passport, unless traveling as part of an organized group described below.

- Groups of Children: Canadian citizen children under age 19 arriving by land or sea from contiguous territory and traveling with a school group, **religious group**, social/cultural organization, or sports team, may also present an original or copy of his or her birth certificate, a Consular Report of Birth Abroad, a Naturalization Certificate, or a Canadian Citizenship Card.
- The group should provide, on organizational letterhead: The name of the group and supervising adult, a list of the children on the trip, the primary home address, phone number, date of birth, place of birth, and name of at least one parent or legal guardian for each child.
- A written and signed statement of the supervising adult certifying that he or she has obtained parental or legal guardian consent for each participating child.

....

### **New Year's Eve:**

- TF 2016 event wraps up with a New Year's Eve party on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Theme for New Year's Eve is "Retro 90s". Dig through closets, visit the thrift shop and come in your 1990's outfits! We'll be playing games, music, food and of course – a contest for the best outfit(s). Check various websites for outfit ideas.

### **Chaperones:**

**Youth leaders** - you will be placed in a room with four other youth. If you need additional **chaperones** for your group, please advise Lil as soon as possible. There are individuals who would welcome the opportunity to go to TF once more, and be that positive influence and mentor to your group. We strive to have a ratio of 1 leader to 4 youth. When we assign people to hotel rooms, there will be a minimum of 1 leader per room. Please advise if you need male or female chaperones. Make sure any chaperones from your group have read the [Chaperone Guidelines](#) as posted on the info page.

### **Other prep:**

**Pray, pray, and pray some more!** TF can play a very important role in the lives of our students. **Pray** that they will be open to hear God's voice, and respond. **Pray** that they will have opportunities to make good friendships. **Pray** that the impact that TF has on these young lives will carry over to their home, school and church when they return from this event. **Pray** that our congregations will be willing to provide mentorship and follow-up to these young people. **Pray** that our youth leaders will be ministered to as well.

We are looking forward to an exciting time at Treasured Foundation! God is preparing the way.

On behalf of the TF 2016 Planning Committee,

***Lil Goertzen***

Office Manager / Communications Coordinator

Editor, *The Recorder* / TF Staff Support

757 St. Anne's Road, Winnipeg MB R2N 4G6

P: 204.253.7929 | fax: 204.256.7384

[www.gomission.ca](http://www.gomission.ca) | [lil@gomission.ca](mailto:lil@gomission.ca)