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Dear Church Leader,

How do you build up the young leaders around you? Check out Adventures in Leadership.

Adventures in Leadership (AIL) is a leadership camp for **high school students** facilitated by the Northwest Conference to develop and strengthen their leadership skills. The purpose of this event is to provide student leaders with a Biblical foundation and leadership framework that challenges and enables them to discover an effective lifestyle of Christian leadership, unique to their own abilities and giftedness. Past students have found this week to be transformational in their development.

This year's date for AIL is **June 17-24, 2017** (Saturday to Saturday). The cost is **\$425 per person**. The camp is held at Adventurous Christians located on the Gunflint Trail near Grand Marais, MN.

You and your church leadership have the unique opportunity to recommend one or two students, currently in 9th - 11th grade, for application to this leadership camp. We can only accept **two applications per church** in order to grant this opportunity to more of our churches. We would encourage you to discuss this possibility with potential nominees and their families (program flyer included) before requesting application information. We make a tremendous investment in this program. We want to be sure that those selected are committed to full participation and to the program's purpose. *If for some reason a student cannot commit to the full program dates, they should not apply.* You also need to know that there are currently a maximum number of 28 participants, so all who apply may not necessarily be selected. Preference will be given to older students if space is limited.

In addition, we want to challenge you as a church to invest directly in this leadership training experience for your students. In past years, AIL students have received partial to full **financial assistance** from their home church to participate. Do consider ways that you can invest in this life-changing adventure with your student(s) this year.

To nominate students from your church you must contact the conference office and request an application packet or go to our website and download the appropriate forms. Completed applications with \$100 deposits must be postmarked by **Friday, April 7, 2017**. The planning team will meet in April to consider applications and finalize details for the program. We seek your prayers as we plan and make decisions regarding this year's class of participants.

In Christ,
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