

# **REVOLUTION**

January 14 2020,

Thank you for registering for Revolution 2020, sponsored by the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and SCMYP. The weekend is around the corner, and we are excited to see your group! Should you need to register any more youth for the event, you may still do that at the Township Auditorium on Friday evening, January 24th for the \$65 registration price. Registration and check-in begins at 6PM.

This year is our 11th annual Revolution weekend retreat. Throughout the years, God has done amazing things and we look forward to the same this year! Our 2020 theme is "In Focus", based on John 20:20. During the weekend, we will be introduced to exciting and unique experiences that will help us focus our hearts and lives on Jesus.

Come January 26<sup>th</sup>, we pray that the lives of young people and adults all over South Carolina and beyond will be changed, refreshed and renewed. It is our hope that this gathering will bring focus to the mission and ministry of Christ-followers throughout our state.

Enclosed in this packet you will find all the information you need to make Revolution 2020 an incredible success for you and meaningful for your group. Please take time to read the content provided to ensure you and your group are ready. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, January 24th at the Township Auditorium! If you have any last minute questions or need more information, please email us at [revolution@scmyp.org](mailto:revolution@scmyp.org) , or call Doris Seals at the United Methodist Conference Center at 1-888-678-6272.

May God bless and keep you,

The Revolution Design Team

## **Revolution 2020 - Group Leader Checklist**

### **Before You Arrive**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pray for your youth and adults and all those preparing to attend Revolution. Ask your congregation to join you in prayer for the event.

\_\_\_\_\_ Prepare your group:

- Have a session to prepare your youth spiritually before coming to Revolution. Discuss the message and meanings of the theme verse: "After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." (John 20:20)
- Remind your group that Revolution is not only an event, but for three days, a community. (Please see the Group Safety and Behavioral Expectation section in this document for more details).
- Talk to your group about being seated together at each session and regularly checking in with adult leaders.
- Talk to your group about appropriate times to visit restrooms and concessions: only during music and gathering times, not during the speaker's message.
- Discuss the Revolution Mission Offering (Saturday evening). Our goal is for each participant to contribute \$2. Feel free to bring a church check if your congregation would like to receive credit for the contribution. All donations received will go to support our 2020 Revolution mission offering: Epworth Children's Home *Every Child is a Miracle* Campaign.
- Encourage your youth to participate in the Revolution prayer experiences and vendor tables located throughout the Township Auditorium.
- Please discuss the importance of your group's wristbands. Bands **MUST** be worn for admission into the worship sessions. If one is lost, it can be replaced for \$10 at the Revolution Merch Booth.

### **While Attending Revolution**

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration begins at 6:00pm on Friday and the doors to the auditorium open at 7:15 pm for The Gathering (see below). Please use the main Taylor Street entrance of the Township. The registration tables will be downstairs and arranged alphabetically by church name to help the process be as efficient as possible. Please allow only one adult leader from your church to register your group downstairs. All guests and clergy should also register at the main entrance before attending any sessions. If your group misplaces one of your admission bracelets, you can purchase another one for \$10. Additional shirts will be available for purchase at the event for \$15 (\$17 for sizes 2XL and 3XL) beginning Saturday morning (Friday night is for pre-order pick-ups only).

\_\_\_\_\_ Please review the Emergency Exit Procedures in your Registration Information Packet and the directions to the hospital.

\_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE DO NOT SAVE SEATS in the worship space!

\_\_\_\_\_ Following the worship sessions, be sure that all of your group members return safely to your lodging facility. Lead the group in a time of prayer, devotion, and sharing. Devotion materials are provided in the app to guide this time of debrief and discussion.

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday evening talk with your youth about decisions and commitments they have made during the weekend.

\_\_\_\_\_ Before you head home from the weekend, please complete an Evaluation Form and drop off at Revolution Headquarters. Your input is important to us!

### **After Revolution**

\_\_\_\_\_ Have a safe trip home, and begin your plans to attend Revolution 2021!

\_\_\_\_\_ Share important decisions made by individuals with your pastor and follow-up with the individuals.

### **Revolution 2020 - General Information**

**REGISTRATION** – Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. Please use the main Taylor Street entrance of the Township Auditorium. The Registration Headquarters will be located downstairs and will be arranged alphabetically by church name, to help the process be as efficient as possible. Please allow only one adult leader from your church to register your group. To help the flow of traffic, please use the right set of stairs to go down to the registration area and the left staircase to head back upstairs. There will be a separate line for those who need to register on site. On Friday evening, all guests and clergy should register downstairs before attending any sessions. Beginning Saturday morning, registration will be at the Merch booth located in the Township Concourse. Once you have received your registration packet and admission bracelets, your group may visit the various vendor tables located throughout the building, as well as the prayer stations. Please note: the auditorium doors will not open until 7:15pm for The Gathering (more info below).

**PARKING INFORMATION** – There are a variety of parking options at the Township Auditorium. Your group is welcome to park on any side street in a designated spot and pay for on-street parking. In addition, several of the surrounding businesses will offer parking in their lots for \$10-\$15 per car (please have cash if you wish to park in one of these lots). We will have Henderson Street, which is adjacent to the Township, designated as a drop-off area for youth and adults. Please do NOT try to drop off on Taylor Street as it is a very busy street and will not be safe. If you have any questions about parking, feel free to email us at [revolution@scmyp.org](mailto:revolution@scmyp.org).



**GROUP SAFETY AND BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS** – The adult leaders from your church will be responsible for the safety and behavior of your group. Your church's individual Safe Sanctuaries' policy should be followed during the Revolution retreat. To help each participant remain safe and healthy throughout the weekend, adults should know where your youth are at ALL times. Please help us to avoid unnecessary disruptions during the worship sessions by being aware of the behavior of your youth.

Remember that for these few days we come together as a community of faith. We are all members of the Body of Christ and our diversity is evident in many ways: through geography, gender, ethnicity, worship styles, political and socio-economic status to name a few. Our common belief and love for Jesus Christ unites us in the midst of our diversity in a way that brings honor to God when we respect each other's differences. To that end, please help us create a safe place for young people and adults from anywhere and everywhere. As a leader, please set an example of inclusion for your group and do all that you can to help create a space where all attendees feel included and welcomed.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** - Social media has become an integral part of the lives of teens. In order to connect with teens (and adults) the Revolution Design Team feels that it is important that we "meet youth where they are." There is no doubt that teens can be found on social media. Revolution will once again be active on social media on multiple platforms:

Instagram and Twitter- follow @SCMYP. We can connect using the official hashtag: **#REVSC**.

Facebook - follow the "Revolution - SC UMC" page AND the "SCMYP" page

Event App - Download "YAPP" from the iTunes or Google Play. Once downloaded, search for "REVSC" to be connected to our event.

Social media allows participants to connect with the entire event, with other attendees, and to promote Revolution in a positive light to the world for those who

are not in attendance. We, the Design Team, ask that you help us to the greatest extent you are able, to insure that the social media “traffic” portrays Revolution in the true spirit of the event. Please encourage your teens to post in a way that would bring glory to God and would only serve to build up the event and those in attendance. Although the Design Team has worked tirelessly to create an event that is meaningful, powerful, and fun for all, we fully recognize that there may be situations that occur that do not meet that standard. Should you encounter such a situation, please allow us to respond in the best way possible by sharing the concern with the staff at the Revolution Welcome Center or with a Design Team Member, not by posting on social media. This will allow us to do our best to respond to the situation in a manner that will bring healing and not more harm.

**WRISTBANDS** – When you register your church upon arrival, you will receive a wristband for each registered member of your group. This will serve as each person’s ticket into all Revolution worship sessions. All participants **MUST** wear their wristband throughout the entire weekend. This allows us to safely monitor attendance at the event.

In an effort to help with crowd control, only specific colors will be allowed to sit on the “floor level” of the event at each session. Throughout the weekend the following districts/colors will be allowed to sit on the floor level, first come/first served until the floor is full:

**Floor Seating Assignments:**

Group #1 Friday Night (Lime Green) – Columbia, Florence, Hartsville, and Orangeburg Districts

Group #2 Saturday Morning (Silver) – Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, and Walterboro Districts

Group #3 Saturday Night (Gold) – Charleston, Marion, Rock Hill, and Spartanburg Districts

Our hope is to avoid the “mad rush” of young people into the worship space as it has caused safety concerns in the past. Your help in this area is much appreciated. If a wristband is left at the hotel, admission will not be granted until the band is presented. If a wristband is lost, a new band can be purchased for a \$10 fee at Revolution Headquarters, located inside the main Township entrance.

**DOORS OPEN**– The Township Lobby will open at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening (with extended time for registration). Please note that there is limited space in the lobby area. For all other sessions, the Lobby/Concourse areas will open 45 minutes before each Gathering at Revolution begins. The doors to the auditorium space will remain closed until 30 minutes before each Gathering at Revolution. Please be courteous when entering the Auditorium.

**NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK**– Please note: NO outside food or drink is allowed inside the Township Auditorium during Revolution. Please advise your youth to bring extra spending money if they would like to purchase drinks or snacks during the worship sessions.

**PRAYER EXPERIENCES**– Beginning Friday evening, interactive prayer stations will be located throughout the building to provide a multi-sensory worship experience for your youth. Please encourage your students and adults to take a moment and participate as they feel led.

**YOUTH LEADERS' LOUNGE**– Need a quick break? If you are a youth worker (paid or volunteer) we would LOVE to have you come by and check out the Leaders' Lounge upstairs. Stop by and grab a soft drink or coffee, pick up some youth materials (AND A FREE GIFT), and catch up with other Youth Leaders from around the Conference. The lounge will close at the beginning of each session, so that leaders can enjoy the event with their group.

**FREE TIME**– We have heard your feedback through the years desiring a free meal for your group, an opportunity to fellowship with other youth groups in your area and around the state, and a chance to let out some energy and have some fun. This year we are excited to offer you just that! On the afternoon of Saturday, January 25th, we will gather in the circle at Epworth Children's Home (2900 Millwood Ave, Columbia, SC 29205).

*Lunch shift (12:30p):* Anderson, Columbia, Spartanburg, Greenville, Orangeburg, and Rock Hill Districts  
*Dinner shift (3:30p):* Charleston, Greenwood, Walterboro, Florence, Hartsville and Marion Districts

There will be free pizza and drink, lawn games and fellowship, and dessert for sale. We never know what the weather will be like in January, so bring your coats and come have some fun!

## **THE GATHERING AT REVOLUTION-**

We are thrilled again offer the Gathering at Revolution 2020! The Gathering will begin 30 minutes prior to the main session, and take place in the large auditorium. It will showcase our student talent, challenge our youth leaders with exciting games, and include special fun that you won't want to miss!

**SATURDAY MISSION OFFERING**– We will collect a mission offering during the evening session on Saturday. Our goal is to receive at least \$2.00 per registered person. Feel free to bring a church check made out to SCUMC if your congregation would like to receive credit for the contribution. 100% of the offering will go to support **Epworth Children's Home's Every Child is a Miracle Campaign**. The primary purpose of this campaign is to enhance, expand, and sustain the life changing ministry to children and families who, with Epworth's resources, are given the opportunity to move from lives of generational poverty, pain, and hopelessness to lives of faith, hope, and productivity. This campaign aims to improve the lives of

South Carolina's children and families by providing funding for capital needs, programmatic needs, and an endowment. We will share more details about this mission at Revolution.

**DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS**– The Design Team is providing devotional materials designed to follow each session’s message, giving you a way to further group discussion and aid individual reflection throughout the weekend. These devotional materials can be accessed on the Revolution event app during the weekend of the event, and will include a devotional for you and your group to do in preparation to coming posted ten days prior to our weekend together. You can access this material by downloading “YAPP” from iTunes or Google Play and then searching the YAPP app for “REVSC.”

**REVOLUTION T-SHIRTS**– The 2020 Revolution “In Focus” t-shirt is something you will want to take home to remember the weekend. The deadline to pre-order shirts is Friday, January 10. In addition, a limited number of shirts will also be for sale at the event BEGINNING SATURDAY MORNING. The cost per shirt is \$15 (additional \$2 charge for shirts over 2XL). Please visit the Revolution Merch Booth to pick up pre-ordered shirts and purchase additional shirts.

**REVOLUTION APP**– In an attempt to be connected with Revolution attendees leading up to the event, at the event, and afterwards, we will once again offer the Revolution event app using the YAPP Platform. The Revolution App allows leaders and youth to quickly access important information conveniently on their smart phones. On the app you will find the schedule for Revolution, information about our special guests, our ministry partners, pictures, birthday party info, and much more. *The Revolution App also allows the Revolution Design Team to send “push notifications” during the event to all who have downloaded the app. So, if we have a schedule change or other change in the weekend, we can be sure that everyone gets the information.*

In order to download the Revolution App, simply scan the included QR code on your cell phone or search “YAPP” in the App Store or Google Play Store. There you will need to download “YAPP” onto your phone. Once you download YAPP, you can select “download an existing Yapp” and the Revolution App should be on your phone. If that doesn’t work, simply search YAPP for “REVSC” to access it. If you have questions, contact us at [revolution@scmyp.org](mailto:revolution@scmyp.org).





## **Revolution 2020- Schedule**

### **Friday, January 24**

6:00pm Registration Begins

7:15pm Auditorium Doors Open

7:45pm The Gathering at Revolution

8:15pm Main Session #1

### **Saturday, January 25**

9:30am Auditorium Doors Open

10:00am The Gathering at Revolution

10:30am Main Session #2

12:30pm- 2:30pm Pizza Party Luncheon @ Epworth OR Free time

3:30pm- 5:30pm Pizza Party Dinner @ Epworth OR Free time

7:00pm Auditorium Doors Open

7:30pm The Gathering at Revolution

8:00pm Main Session #3

### **Sunday, January 26**

9:30am Auditorium Doors Open

10:00am Main Session #4

Holy Communion and sending forth!