



2022 Conference Registration REGISTRATION FAQs

Below are the most frequently asked questions from individuals and group leaders about the conference registration process.

HOW OFTEN DO THE CLASSES MEET?

Unless otherwise stated, all classes on the schedule meet Monday through Friday for 50-minutes.

AM I REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS FOR EACH HOUR OF THE DAY?

Absolutely not! Depending on the type of person you are, you may want to register for 7 hours of classes each day, but remember, this conference is 5 days long. Our prayer for you is to be refreshed and renewed when you return home, not exhausted. So please do what is best for you to ensure you have a full, but Sabbath-full week at Montreat. We find most registrants average 5 hours of classes daily.

ARE ADULTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND BOTH ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS?

If you plan to sing in the Adult Choir, yes! If not, no!

ARE THERE REQUIRED CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH?

Yes!

- **Senior High** - Sr. High Choir and Small Groups. This age may also choose up to 3 electives.
- **Middler** - Middler Choir and Small Groups. This age may also choose up to 2 electives.
- **Children** - Children's Choir, Children's Bible Study, and Children's Fun and Games. Children will be assigned classes by the planning team. The team will work to keep children from the same family, church, youth group, etc. together throughout the day. Groups larger than 10 may be placed into two groups.

DO I NEED TO REGISTER FOR INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES?

No. But, when you register, please indicate that you plan to participate in the ensembles. In your registration confirmation letter, you will receive a link to a Google form to collect more information from you (instrument(s) you are bringing, how long you've been playing, etc.). When you arrive in Montreat, you will need to meet with the Instrumental Ensemble Director, Mark Britt, to determine your ensemble placement. Mark will work with you and the needs of the conference to ensure you are placed with the appropriate group. Music is provided!

DO I NEED TO REGISTER FOR THE ADULT OR YOUTH CHAMBER CHOIR?

No, these are audition-based choirs. The choir directors will host auditions for these choirs during on-site registration. Results will be posted by 7am on Monday morning. If you are selected for the choirs, then you will attend those rehearsals (twice daily).

MAY I REGISTER FOR MORE THAN ONE HANDBELL CLASS?

To ensure all conferees may register for a handbell class, all registrants are limited to two classes. However, during on-site registration you may register for any remaining slots in any of the handbell classes.

MY CHILD, SPOUSE, ETC. DOES NOT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS. HOW CAN I REGISTER THIS PERSON?

Midders and children registrants do not require an email address as long as they are being registered with other adult registrants. However, if you do not have an email address for a particular registrant, please enter the registrant's initials @noemail.com (e.g. kla@noemail.com).

HOW DO I REGISTER A GROUP FROM MY CHURCH? CAN I ADD REGISTRANTS TO MY GROUP AFTER I'VE ALREADY REGISTERED?

Please complete the Group Registration Form for you to register a group from your church. The form will be available in October. The Group Additions/Cancellations Form may be completed for additional registrations and/or cancellations to your group.

DO I NEED TO REGISTER "EXTRA" ADULTS THAT I BRING WITH OUR GROUP TO THE CONFERENCE? (I.E. COOKS, DRIVERS, CHAPERONES, ETC.)

PAM requires a 1:6 adult to child/youth ratio. We encourage all adult advisors to register as chaperones and take part in small groups, worship, evening events to provide a more complete, fulfilling conference experience. However, in order to accommodate the needs of groups who bring extra adults to function as cooks, drivers, chaperones, etc., you will have the option to register as either a Chaperone Attending Classes or Chaperone Not Attending Classes during the online the registration process. The cost for all chaperones is \$50.

Chaperones Attending Classes will be assigned to classes prior to arrival. To confirm, there must be at least a 1:6 Chaperone Attending Classes to youth/children ratio. Children's chaperones will be kept with their children. Middler and Senior High chaperones will be assigned to a small group, two additional classes, and one evening event.

WILL CHAPERONES BE IN CLASSES AND SMALL GROUPS WITH THEIR YOUTH?

Not necessarily. Youth are assigned to small groups so that there are ordinarily no two individuals from each back-home group in the same small group. Therefore, chaperones registered to participate in small groups and classes will be assigned to a small group with youth from churches all over the country. We ask that you trust the process of small group placement - it works! Year after year, strangers on Monday morning have become life-long friends by week's end. There will be no less than 3-4 adults in each small group. All Small Group Leaders have gone through background checks.

WHAT DO I DO WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT OLD ENOUGH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORSHIP & MUSIC CONFERENCE?

PAM's Worship & Music Conferences are designed for children exiting 3rd grade through adults. All ages are welcome to daily worship and evening conference events. You may register children who are not attending the conference for the Montreat Clubs & Child Care program. This program is available for children ranging from six months to 12th grade. Evening childcare is available for children six months to completed first grade. *(Continued)*

Enrollment is limited. You must pre-register for this program to guarantee your space. Contact Montreat Conference Center for more information.

DOES PAM HAVE A REFUND POLICY?

All but \$50 of in-person registration fee may be refunded up to April 30th. On May 1st or later, no refunds will be issued without a doctor's note or changes occur on behalf of PAM or Montreat Conference Center that warrants altering the in-person conference due to COVID-19. All cancellation requests must be in writing and received via email (pam@travelink.com) or U.S. Mail (Presbyterian Association of Musicians, 404 BNA Dr. Suite 650, Nashville, TN 37217). Payments by check will be refunded after the conclusion of the conferences (by July 31st

The on-line conference registration is non-refundable as participants will have the option to live-stream and have access to all event recordings throughout the remainder of the year.

WHAT IF I NEED TO CANCEL HOUSING?

- If you are staying in Assembly Inn, Winsborough, or Glen Rock Inn, you must contact **Montreat Conference Center** to cancel housing.
- If you are staying in Anderson, Howerton, or McGregor, please email **Montreat College** at summerhousing@montreat.edu or call 828.669.8012 ext. 3821
- If you are staying in private housing, please see your housing confirmation for specific information on cancellations.

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I GET TO MONTREAT?

Visit us at conference on-site registration which takes place at Upper Anderson in Montreat from 2:00pm- 5:30m and immediately after evening worship until 9:30pm. If you unable to arrive by 9:30pm on Sunday evening, stop by the PAM On-Site Office on Monday morning beginning at 7:30am. The office is located PAM Office located in the lower level of the Allen Building, Room C.

WHERE DO I GO TO CHECK INTO MY HOUSING?

- If you are staying in Assembly Inn, Winsborough, Glen Rock Inn, Chestnut Lodge, Hickory Lodge, or Reynolds Lodge, check-in at the Assembly Inn front desk. Pay your final balance at the front desk when you check in. Check-in begins at 3:00 PM.
- If you are staying in Montreat College housing (Anderson, Howerton, or McGregor), you will check-in to your housing in Upper Anderson Auditorium during Worship & Music Conference on-site registration.

HOW DO I BECOME A SMALL GROUP LEADER?

If you are 21 or older and can contribute a week to the conference, keep reading! Small Group Leaders (SGLs) provide critical guidance to the middler and senior small groups at the conference. SGLs receive a FREE Chaperone registration and one FREE child or youth conference registration, but they also expend lots of time and energy. The required training is the Sunday (*Continued*) afternoon before the conference. You are still expected to serve as a chaperone in addition to your SGL duties. If you are interested in applying to be a small group leader for the Worship & Music Conferences, [you may complete the application here](#).

MAY I PURCHASE MUSIC AND/OR BOOKS AT THE CONFERENCE?

Yes, JW Pepper, Jeffer's Handbell Supply and the PC(USA) Store will have satellite stores at Montreat throughout both weeks.

DO I HAVE TO REGISTER FOR WEEK 2 IN ORDER TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE CONFERENCE LIVE-STREAM?

No, all in-person conference registrants (except chaperones) will receive access to the online conference live-stream and video & document library. However, only week 2 will be live-streamed.