

# *A Synopsis of TFY 2017*

*July 10 - 28, 2017*

***What is TFY?*** The Theological Foundations for Youth program is an annual ministry of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Youth Ministries Committee of Synod dedicated to equipping young people for a life of ministry to Christ in the Reformed Presbyterian Church by providing intensive theological instruction, practical ministry experiences, and an increased awareness of opportunities to serve Christ within the RPCNA.

***Who may attend TFY?*** High School students (juniors going into their Senior year Fall 2017) who are communicant members in good standing of an RPCNA congregation and have been recommended by their Session for the program.

***What is the location?*** TFY takes place this summer at the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA, for three weeks, with the second week ministering at a local Reformed Presbyterian congregation.

***Who will I meet at TFY?*** About 25-30 other young people from across the denomination who are eager to deepen their knowledge in preparation for serving Christ in the Reformed Presbyterian Church; Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary faculty and staff who will teach and run the program; staff of the other Reformed Presbyterian Institutions, and many others who will challenge you in your commitment to Christ.

***What can I expect from the program?*** You can expect **two weeks** of intensive theological instruction in the history, doctrine, and distinctive principles of the Church from Seminary professors and TFY staff (often up to 6 hours of class per day), as well as **a week** of practical application in the context of a local RPCNA congregation. You will also spend time at the Reformed Presbyterian Institutions (Seminary, Retirement Home and Geneva College) and free time for fellowship, reflection, and recreation.

***What will be expected of me?*** You should be prepared for extensive readings in important Christian texts and strenuous spiritual exercise, including deep study, evangelistic encounters with unbelievers, vibrant fellowship with like-minded believers, and critical self-evaluation of your walk with Christ and His specific calling for your lives.

***How do I apply?*** Your pastor will recommend you; you will then be expected to complete a personal application and express a willingness to participate fully in all aspects of the program. Go to **TFY.rpts.edu** for the online application. Application deadline is March 1, 2017. There is a fee of \$300 plus travel expenses, which will often be met by nominating congregations. Many congregations support their youth by assisting them with some or all of this expense - please check with your Pastor. Your session may inquire into the availability of need-based scholarships. If you are accepted into the program, the TFY fee of \$300 is due by June 15, 2017, and checks should be made payable to "RPTS" with the student's name noted, and mailed to RPTS, TFY-Attn: Kim Backensto, 7418 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208.

