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Dear Church Leader,

**How can you effectively develop the young leaders in your church?** The Northwest Conference offers a valuable opportunity for you to invest in this generation of high school students and help them develop essential leadership skills that can strengthen both their faith and your community.

**Adventures in Leadership (AIL)** is a rigorous leadership camp for high school students organized by the Northwest Conference. It has been working to help students develop their leadership skills for over three decades. The experience focuses on providing student leaders with a strong foundation in biblical teachings and a framework for leadership as well as discovering their abilities and gifts. Past participants have found this week transformative in their leadership development.

This year's date for AIL is **June 14-21, 2025** (Saturday to Saturday). The cost is **\$495 per person**. The camp is held at Adventurous Christians located on the Gunflint Trail near Grand Marais, MN (<https://covenantpines.org/adventurouschristians/>).

**You and your church leadership** have the unique opportunity to recommend one or more students currently in 9th - 11th grade to apply for AIL. We would encourage you to discuss this possibility with potential nominees and their families before they pursue applying. The camp is an intense week that involves high levels of physical, emotional, and spiritual rigor. It's essential that students understand and are prepared for this experience. We make a tremendous investment in this program and it's crucial that those who are selected are committed to full participation and the program's purpose. Students who cannot commit to the entire program dates should not apply. There are a maximum of 28 participants, so all who apply may not 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. Please 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 go to our website and download the appropriate forms or contact the conference office and request an application packet. Completed applications with \$100 deposits must be postmarked by **Monday, March 10, 2025** (deposits will be returned if the student is not accepted). The AIL leadership team will meet to consider applications and finalize details for the program. Applicants will be notified by Monday, March 31, 2025. We seek your prayers as we make decisions regarding this year's group and plan for this summer's AIL.

In Christ, Ginny Olson, Director of Youth Ministry

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