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Hello!

February has almost come and gone. I'm sure when I'm sending this you'll still be in Mexico. (actually now you're in California)

The most exciting thing that's happened to me this month is that I booked a trip to Ireland! This will be my first trip where I'm not meeting anyone at the other end. It will be three weeks, May 22nd to June 16th. So far I have a hostel in Dublin booked, and a tour booked from May 25th to June 1st. I know I want to go to Belfast to go to the Titanic museum but that is all I have booked so far. (Since writing this part I've booked my Belfast hostel too!)

I'm so excited! So for my birthday all I want is money for my trip. I don't really find I need much else anyways. I'm currently reading the book *Brooklyn* and it's been pretty good so far, though it doesn't talk much about Ireland, more New York. I'll have to watch the movie once I am done the book. I originally held off on the movie to be able to read the book first and it's been sitting on my bookshelf for a couple years now.

Thomas also moved in with me this past month. I imagined it being worse. Fighting more. But the only fight we had was on the 2nd or 3rd day about a desk chair for him (he didn't want to use a kitchen chair). Sometimes we make dinner together, sometimes it's just me. I quite enjoy making dinner for other people. It sucks cooking for just one person. I re-arranged the furniture in his room so it would fit better with his needs. He doesn't need both sides of the bed accessible. We also put A LOT of useless stuff in storage. Like all the lights, the exorbitant amount of pillows and blankets, and all your clothes in the cupboard. There are way too many shoes at the door but that was to be expected. We both really like our shoes (and a whole bunch of mine are in my room already).

This weekend there is a children's retreat. It's a weekend event for those 8 - 11. Chloe is actually here with me. Charlie apparently wanted to go but didn't get signed up. We have workshops like visuals arts and sports dome, time for worship, and songs. There will also be a movie tomorrow night. We plan busses that leave from different locations in the Lower Mainland that bring all the children, Leaders in Training, and leaders up.

May Retreat SOUTH 2019
PERMISSION and PHOTO WAIVER FORM

Please print out this Permission Form and Photo Waiver, read and sign the participant's agreement and ask your parent/guardian to read and sign their portion. Once it has been signed, please scan and send it to pevans@united-church.ca.

Participant's Full Name: _____

Participant's Agreement: I agree to participate for the benefit of myself and others. I agree to abide by the non-negotiable rules of no sexualized behaviour, no use of alcohol, and no use of non-prescribed drugs. I know that if I break these rules, I will be sent home at the cost of myself or my parents. I understand I will be living in a community for a weekend and because of that, there are certain boundaries that will be set by the group.

Signature of Participant: _____

Date: _____

Guardian's Agreement:

The undersigned parent/ guardian does hereby consent to my/our son or daughter attending the May Retreat South 2019 (May 17-20) event hosted by the Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada at Camp Fircom, Gambier Island, BC and does hereby release and discharge the sponsors of the said programme for any injury to person or property to my/our son or daughter during his or her participation therein.

I/we give permission for any medical treatment necessary during the event. In the event that my child/youth is injured, ill or in need of medical attention (and that I am unable to be contacted), I/we authorize the Leaders of the event to seek medical attention on my behalf. I/we give permission for the first aid person to administer over the counter medication to my child/youth if needed.

I/we are aware of and agree that my child/youth will comply with the Event rules regarding no alcohol, no non-prescribed drugs, and no sex at the event. I also understand that if the rules are broken they will be sent home at their or my expense.

DATED AT: (city, province) _____, this (day) _____ Day of (month) _____, 2019.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Photo Waiver/Release

Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Camp Fircom Society are constantly updating their websites and promotional materials. We are proud of our programs and would like to be able to show pictures that demonstrate what we do. We take pictures during all our programs. We are asking for permission to use your image or your child/youth's image (without their name) in promotional material, and on our websites to promote the benefits of our respective programs.

I permit Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the Camp Fircom Society to use my image or my child/youth's image (in photograph, digital, video, or electronic form) for and in publications, posters, web-sites or other media, without limitation, and I agree not to make any claim for misappropriation of personality, breach of privacy, or other loss or damages against Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the Camp Fircom Society in respect thereof.

DATED AT: (city, province) _____, this (day) _____ Day of (month) _____, 2019.

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Participant if over 19: _____