

# 2021 Middler & Senior High Small Groups Information & FAQs

W&M youth participate in choir twice daily and in small groups daily Monday – Friday. Additionally, Middlers & Senior High may register for up to three electives.

## **Why Small Groups?**

Youth attend the Worship & Music Conferences with their choirs, their youth groups, their churches, their families, and so on. Some youth may know many youth from their own church, while other youth may know very few. The idea for Small Groups is to provide an opportunity to make new friends and form better relationships among *all* youth.

## **How will it work?**

Youth will be placed in small groups with no more than 20 youth per small group. (Middler and Senior High will have separate small groups.) Small groups will be centered around the Scripture heard in worship.

## **Who will lead the Small Groups?**

Each small group will be led by ONE Small Group Leader (SGL). Chaperones will be required to attend small groups as part of their chaperone duties. They will assist SGLs with discussions and activities.

## **How may I sign-up to serve as an SGL?**

A limited number of SGL applications will be accepted to serve as SGLs at the conferences. In gratitude for your time and talents, PAM will waive the Chaperone Fee (\$50), and provide one gratis youth conference registration. You are still expected to serve as a chaperone in addition to your SGL duties.

## **FAQs:**

### **As an SGL, may I attend other Adult classes outside of the Small Group times?**

No, since the chaperone fee is waived for SGLs, you may chaperone additional youth and children classes only. We expect SGLs to attend daily worship as it will be central to small group topics. You are invited and encouraged to attend all evening events.

**Will there be required background checks on SGLs?** Yes, all SGLs will be required to undergo a background check and reference check.

**Will materials be provided to SGLs to lead the small group discussions and activities?** Yes, Grier Richards, Small Group Facilitator, will create the small group materials for middler and SH small groups, assemble the small groups, communicate with the SGLs and lead daily SGL meetings. **The small group manual will be distributed via e-mail to SGLs no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.** SGLs will be responsible for printing copies of the manual for themselves or providing an appropriate device (for instance, a tablet) from which they can lead a small group.