### UNION UCC Sleep Out For Homelessness 2017 At Union UCC, Neffs

### Saturday, Sep 23 at 6pm – Sunday, Sep 24 at 11:30am

There is a PNEC Conference-wide event at St. John's Laury's Station this weekend too. However, we decided for this year to have just our own Sleepout with our youth group and friends.

# Spend a night learning about what it might be like to be homeless and raise money for VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE which helps abandoned, abused and homeless youth.

We will try to stay outside all night, weather permitting. However, if people need to go inside to sleep that will be arranged. Our goal is to raise awareness and money, not to get everyone sick.

6pm Arrive (eat Supper at home)

6-12midnight, participate in various activities to learn about homelessness and poverty and have fun too.

12 Midnight Sleep/Settle In

7:30am Wake Up, Get Dressed, Tear Down, and Clean up

Greet worshippers at the doors, asking for their financial support.

8:00am Breakfast and our Own Worship

9:15 Munch Bunch/Breakfast Club

10:00am Greet worshippers at the doors, asking for their financial support.

10:30 Church Worship

11:30 Home

Dress warmly, bring a coat or extra clothing (hat and gloves). You are allowed to bring a sleeping bag. Personal toiletries (meds), and pajamas (for outside, remember), flashlight. No money or food is needed.

Cardboard boxes will be used to create a sleeping area. Please start collecting your own cardboard boxes and bring them when you arrive. If you can bring cardboard for others, please do so.

No food will be served during the night. (If you have health or medical needs, please bring your own food/drink.) You will be allowed to go inside the church to use the bathroom and to warm up when needed (beverages provided).

#### If you want to attend the Sleepout:

<u>YOUTH:</u> Complete and return the enclosed covenant to Dave D's mailbox ASAP and no later than <u>Friday, September 22<sup>nd.</sup></u> Collect money from sponsors and bring your sponsor form and ALL money to the Sleepout. Try to raise at least \$25.

<u>ADULT CHAPERONES</u>: We need adult support 6pm-midnight, all night, and Sunday morning (breakfast). All adults must complete the necessary Safe Child paper work on our Union UCC website. You may bring an air mattress and other comforts to sleep or you may volunteer to sleep inside. It would be help if you would contact Dave D or PK early than 9/22 if you can help.

RETURN FORM NOW—no later than Sept. 22nd

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#### Covenant for Sleepout for Homelessness for Youth and Adults

Because God calls us to be a community of faith and leaders in Christ's church, I covenant with God and the group to conduct our life together at the event in a manner that promotes a community of faith.

- I will participate in all activities, working together to learn and grow from my experience.
- I will treat all people with dignity and respect, both in actions and language.
- I will respect the property of all people.
- I will use the facilities made available to us with care. If I hurt or accidently damage property, I will take responsibility for the damage done and inform an adult advisor right away.
- I will not bring or use tobacco products, alcohol, and/or illicit drugs. Prescribed drugs must be made known in writing and adult leaders will negotiate plan for administering.
- I will share only music and media that is appropriate and I will only take/post pictures of others with their consent.
- I will not engage in sexual activity.
- I will observe the guidelines for visiting members of the opposite sex.
- I will be mindful of others' rights to privacy and sleep.
- I will honor the curfew for lights out and I will be in my bed for lights out and remain there (except to use bathroom) until wake up call. I will not leave the assigned group area during the night.
- I will not travel alone. When I am not with the group I will be with 2 or more other participants. During free time I will do only that which is permitted.
- I realize that violation of this covenant could mean apologizing to the group, congregation, or Consistory in writing. It may mean phoning parents and/or returning home before the event's conclusion.

| Participant Signature   | Date     |
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| We/I accept this covenant and expect our child/ren to follow it. I give my Parent/Guardian Signature  | <u>-</u> |
| Please check:I allow pictures to be taken of my child for the purption in fliers, church/conference website, Facebook page, and /or the local   |          |
| ADDRESS:  |          |
| HOME PHONE NUMBER:CELL PHONE Please list a number where you can be reached at all times during  |          |
| EMERGENCY NAME//PHONE (IF you can't be reached)   |          |
| These are special needs of my child: (medical, food/diet, allergies, presc bringing along) ALSO List here any schedule conflicts – will you be arrayou need to leave for part of the event, etc.          |          |
| I am an adult who can chaperone from 6pm-12midnightI am an adult who can chaperone the whole event/or sleepoverI am an adult who can help with food shoppingI am an adult who can help prepare breakfast. |          |



#### **SPONSOR FORM**

# "Sleepout For Homelessness" Please help me raise at least \$25.

#### At this event I will:

~ spend a night learning about what it might be like to be homeless.

PARTICIPANT NAME:

- ~ raise money for VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE SYNERGY PROJECT which helps local homeless youth.
- ~ learn more about being the eyes, hands, and heart of Jesus in our community and world.

Valley Youth House has been helping youth and families since 1973. They seek to provide prevention and intervention services, counseling, life skills and behavioral health services. They have services in Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Luzerne, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia Counties. Check out their website www.valleyyouthhouse.org

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| TOTAL        | \$          |

CASH OR CHECKS, make checks payable to: Valley Youth House THANK YOU for your support.

All sponsorship money must be turned in at the time of the event on September 23rd. *Additional sponsors/amounts can be listed on the back page*.