

2018 Senior High Youth Leadership Retreat
Talking the Talk – Faithfully Engaging &
Connecting Our Sexuality & Our Faith
Parental Consent Form

Our discussion during this year's retreat is based on the *Our Whole Lives (OWL)* curriculum, which affirms that parents/guardians are the primary sexuality educators of their children. Therefore, your signature is requested on this consent form if your student will be attending the retreat.

The Planning Team will have workshops available for your youth on topics of sexting, #MeToo, body image, sexual harassment, misrepresentation, 'locker room talk', to name a few. We will be following OWL's assumptions and values of "self-worth, sexual health, responsibility, and justice and inclusivity". We will also be discussing how God and their faith connect with sexuality.

Our Goals for the weekend will be:

- To provide accurate information that young people need about sexuality. We believe that accurate information is essential, especially for young adults, and that holding back knowledge will hinder healthy sexual development.
- To provide a forum in which all questions are legitimate and appropriate.
- To provide learning about sexuality issues that goes beyond just factual information and that will be useful throughout participants' lives.
- To help participants to develop the skills necessary to make good decisions that will allow for a healthy, satisfying life.

Please note that the retreat is not a full OWL program, nor will it adhere only to OWL materials. If you are interested in the more in- depth version, we encourage you to see if OWL is offered in your community, perhaps in a local UU or UCC church. More information about OWL can be found at:

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/our-whole-lives.html>

<http://www.uua.org/re/owl/>

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____