Dear parent / youth,

I hope this finds you safe and well.

This is just a quick note to let you know about the current status of the YES Retreat 2020 in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The good news is that there will be a YES Retreat on the weekend of the 30th Oct – 1st Nov, 2020!

Of course, given the current public health realities, it is difficult to foresee many things, but already at this early stage some things are clear:

* The venue is looking forward to welcoming us. Over the next month they are updating their facilities, to be in regulation of government guidelines, so that from the 1st of September they will be open
* If this reality changes or people are unable to travel (due to restrictions in their own countries) we are preparing digital resources to engage the weekend
* We shall review and confirm all of this on the 1st Sept

We are therefore, hopeful that the YES Retreat will proceed, even if, unfortunately it might be a bit smaller than normal.

We shall monitor the situation and will be in a place to make a final decision on the 1stof September. From this point registration will then be open and you will be able to register on the website. Early bird will close on the 20th of Sept and final registration on the 11th Oct.

The team are currently working hard at producing interactive digital content so that no-one shall miss out on the YES Retreat 2020. We will have resources available to your youth group, especially if they are unable to attend.

We are really looking forward to unpacking this year’s theme of Rooted in Christ.

We shall update this document on the 1st of September. If you have any questions or comments before then please don’t hesitate to get in touch ([philip.morrison@kairos-eme.org](mailto:philip.morrison@kairos-eme.org))

Blessings, Phil

(on behalf of the YES Retreat Team)