



## **SR. HIGH RETREAT**

### February 9-11, 2024



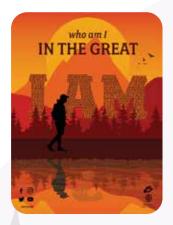
#### A Message from Matt-Director of Next Generation Ministries:

Who am I in the Great I AM? It's a question that reaches in the core of our search in our own identity, which ultimately is rooted in God. Together, our hope is in this moment of Blizzard to discover a deeper sense of our identity in Christ.

We're inviting you to join us for an Blizzard weekend like none ever experienced before!

Never been to Blizzard before?

Check out some past highlight videos at <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/cboqyouthretreats">tinyurl.com/cboqyouthretreats</a>
(or search "CBOQ Youth Blizzard retreat" on YouTube).



#### Who am I in the Great I AM?

Moses, an iconic figure in both Christian and Jewish traditions, asked God what was his name. God responded with "I AM" - always was, always is, always will be. When Jesus invites us to follow him, we are invited to know God and our identity in Him. This is a vital pursuit in humanity's existence: to know who we are in the great I AM.

Jesus Himself made powerful "I AM" statements, declaring that He is the bread of life, the light of the world, the resurrection and the life, the way, the truth and the life, and more. As followers of Jesus, he extends to us our own "I am" statements: I am a child of God, his beloved, his treasured possession and so much more.

As we grow closer to Jesus, may we embrace who are in the great I AM. Join with hundreds of teens for a life-changing weekend experience on February 9-11!

# **Special Guests**



#### **TAMMY GIFFEN**

Tammy Giffen is the lead pastor of Groundswell Church in Truro Nova Scotia. Groundswell is a church plant that launched in September of 2018 with a desire to create spaces people felt confident inviting their friends to. She came to know Jesus as an adult when she was invited to attend Alpha. Since then she has been passionate about breaking down barriers to church, and helping people meet Jesus.



#### **LIFE SUPPORT**

Life Support is a worship collective / "art rock" ensemble whose passion is to lead people into God's presence. They began at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish N.S. in 2004 and have led worship at Blizzard since 2009. It was Life Support's desire with this album to capture the sounds of Heaven, creating music that will be an expression and extension of the Kingdom, and ultimately bring glory to God!

# **For Your Information**

#### **HOW TO REGISTER**

A church leader can reserve spaces for their youth group by registering online at <a href="mailto:cboqyouth.ca/blizzard2024">cboqyouth.ca/blizzard2024</a> or sending in the registration form (also available at the websites above). Make sure you contact your youth group leader about the details.

#### **HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR "RETREAT" EXPERIENCE**

It is important to be together with your local youth group. This year join with others across Quebec and Ontario for an impactful experience.

- Use this fun weekend as a chance to invite friends to be part of your church community.
- The program and plans will be detailed for you. Make the most of the time together to make memories and delve into deeper life and faith conversations.
- Expect to engage with Jesus in a way you may not be used to.

#### **WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED**

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- Join our Facebook Page <u>facebook.com/cboqyouth</u> and follow us on Instagram (@cboqyouth).
- Check regularly with your group leader (about 2 weeks before the retreat) on specific details of how you can prepare for the weekend.
- You'll be connected with other churches in your area to form one of our 4 teams. Find out your team colours and get ready to get creative!
- With your group friends, make your own retreat highlight video or send us materials to be added to CBOQ Youth's highlight video.



