

Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) 2017
University of Central Oklahoma, Edmonton, OK
July 10-14, 2017

WHAT IS EYE? Every three years, in accordance with General Convention Resolution #1982-D079, the Episcopal Church convenes an international youth event so “that the energy of the youth of the Episcopal Church can continue to be utilized in active ministry as members of the Body of Christ.” Since the first EYE in 1982, this popular event has welcomed thousands of young people from across the Episcopal Church for celebration, worship, learning, and leadership training.

The next Episcopal Youth Event (EYE17) will be held in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma from July 10-14, 2017 on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. EYE 2017 is geared for youth in grades 9-12 during the 2016-2017 academic year and their adult leaders.

Each diocese is invited to send a delegation of diverse young leaders who represent the breadth of The Episcopal Church across the globe. Youth are chosen to participate through a discernment process in each diocese that selects youth who are most ready to experience the greater church and her diversity and who also demonstrate the capacity to bring home what they have experienced and learned to share with their peers and other members of their diocese.

HOW DOES OUR DISCERNMENT PROCESS WORK? Any Episcopal youth in grades 9-12 during the 2016-2017 academic year who is active in an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western Louisiana may apply to participate in EYE 2017. The application is designed to identify young people whose lives demonstrate the Five Marks of Mission and core values given below.

Five Marks of Mission:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the church

Core Values:

- To pray
- To show an interest in others
- To glorify God in conversation and deed
- To stop a conversation that is not edifying

All applications must be completed by the youth, signed by a priest in his/her church (or the canonical equivalent in congregations without a priest), and mailed to Joy Owensby, Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana, P.O. Box 2031, Alexandria, LA 71309. **Applications must be postmarked by December 2, 2016** (no online applications are available; however, applications can be downloaded and printed from the diocesan website).

All applications received will be read and evaluated by adult members of the Commission on Youth and Young Adults to determine which youth are best suited to represent the Diocese of Western Louisiana at EYE 2017. Efforts will be made to select youth from each of the five convocations in our diocese.

WHAT DOES EYE 2017 COST? Each participating youth must pay \$100. The remainder of the expenses (airfare, room and board, conference registration, etc.) will be covered by the Diocese. Youth will be responsible for any miscellaneous expenses they incur (snacks, souvenirs, etc.).

WHEN WILL YOUTH FIND OUT IF THEY HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE? Youth will be notified no later than January 2, 2017, and will be asked to pay the \$100 fee at that time.

QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO: jowensby@diocesewla.org.

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PLEASE ANSWER EACH QUESTION COMPLETELY. IF YOU NEED MORE SPACE, ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAPER.

Name _____ Age _____ Birthdate _____

Cell phone _____ Gender _____ Grade in school academic year 2016-2017 _____

Home address _____

Email address _____ Best way to communicate with you _____

Home church _____ Convocation _____

Describe your involvement in your church. Include activities you participate in (worship, outreach, EYC, etc.) and any leadership roles you have. Be specific about the frequency of your participation.

How have you shared your faith with others in the past six months? _____

Have you been responsible for bringing others to your church? Explain. _____

Listed below are the Five Marks of Mission as stated by The Episcopal Church. Please give at least one specific example of how your life has reflected each Mark of Mission in the past six months.

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom _____

2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers _____

3. To respond to human need by loving service_____

4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society_____

5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the church_____

Human nature tends to gravitate toward criticism and negativity, while a core value of our faith is to promote a positive and hopeful presence in the world. Give at least one example from the past six months when you actively stood up to transform a conversation or situation from negative to positive.

Parent/Guardian_____ / _____
(Name) (Signature)

Cell phone _____ Email address_____

Please have the rector or other priest at your church (or canonical equivalent in churches without a priest) sign below. If the rector/priest wishes to make any comments, please attach a separate sheet.

_____ is actively involved in _____
(Applicant's Name) (Name of Church)

(Applicant's Signature) (Rector or Other Priest's Signature)

Mail completed application to: Joy Owensby, Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana, P.O. Box 2031, Alexandria, LA 71309. Remember, to be considered, all applications must be postmarked by December 2, 2016.