



## Diocese of Newark's Youth Participation in General Convention 2018



This is an amazing opportunity for our youth to observe leadership from across The Episcopal Church in action!

Youth who have completed grades 9-12, and young adults under 21, are invited to observe the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas.

Participation is capped at 14 youth and young adults.

The youth contingent will depart for Austin on **Sunday, July 8** and stay through the closing ceremony returning on **Friday, July 13**.

### Cost:

The total cost is \$1251, which includes direct return airfare, hotel costs, meals for 5 days and airport-to-hotel transportation. It is divided as follows:

- \$417 - Diocesan subsidy.
- \$417 - Participant's contribution.  
*(Scholarships are available; please contact the Rev. Sheelagh Clarke for information.)*
- \$417 - Contribution of participant's church.  
*(If this poses a hardship, please contact the Rev. Sheelagh Clarke for options.)*

### To secure a spot:

Go to <http://e-payment.dioceseofnewark.org> to initiate the registration process and pay a deposit of \$200 by **April 16\***. A printable packet with additional forms and instructions for completing the registration will be sent to the email address provided.

The remaining balance of \$217 will be due by **May 16**, along with the additional forms.

The church contribution of \$417 is also due on **May 16**.

*\*Deposits may be closed earlier if the cap of 14 participants is reached before April 16.*

### Questions? Contact:

The Rev. Sheelagh A. Clarke -Interim Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministries  
[sclarke@dioceseofnewark.org](mailto:sclarke@dioceseofnewark.org) or 973 430 9991

**Application deadline: April 16, 2018**

## General Convention is...

- A policy making body of the Episcopal Church. It usually meets every three years to enact legislation and approve the program and budget of the Episcopal Church.
- A confederation of dioceses represented by individuals.
- A place for people to exhibit their wares related to the ministry and business of the church. The Exhibit Hall will be filled with hundreds of booths selling and giving out both resources and ideas.
- An event where a whole variety of people can demonstrate their viewpoints in a variety of ways, including flyers, pamphlets, marches, songs, and vigils.
- A time of worship for the church. The possibilities to worship together seem almost limitless. There are large Eucharists that involve everyone as well as small prayer circles.
- A way to learn about others' experiences through organized forums and guest speakers.
- A chance to relax, enjoy good food, laugh at ourselves, talk with friends, see new places, pray, sing and exercise.

## Youth applicants should possess the following attributes:

- Find the Episcopal Church exciting.
- Want to learn more about how the Episcopal Church operates and makes decisions.
- Are interested in following and engaging the issues that face our Church and our Communion.
- Are interested in the great work and ministry in which our Church engages.
- Will honor and respect the experience and diversity of our Church, while honoring difference of opinion.
- Would be interested in engaging clergy and lay leaders of our church in dialogue and discussion.
- Already have a leadership role **OR** are interested in taking a leadership role in their local Episcopal community.
- Whose conduct would be compatible with a church wide gathering such as General Convention.
- Would be comfortable participating in an adult event.
- Want to have fun with other youth and adults in our Church.
- Can represent the Diocese of Newark well!

## Adult applicants should possess the following attributes:

- Find the Episcopal Church exciting.
- Enjoy working with young people, but still know how to be adults.
- Have completed *Safeguarding God's Children* training.
- Want to learn more about how the Episcopal Church operates and makes decisions.
- Want to work to help make our young people's experience fruitful and fun.
- Are flexible and can make the best out of quirky situations.
- Are firm yet compassionate with teenagers.
- Can represent the Diocese of Newark well!