



DIOCESE OF NEWARK GENERAL CONVENTION 2012 APPLICATION

Please fill out completely and return by April 18, 2012 to Kaileen Alston,
Diocesan Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries at Episcopal House,
31 Mulberry St., Newark, NJ 07102

The Diocese of Newark will take a group of high school youth who have completed **grades 9-12** and adult chaperones to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, IN on July 6-10, 2012. General Convention is the main gathering of the Episcopal Church, which occurs every 3 years. ***This event is not like EYE, and requires a commitment to operating in an adult environment, learning about the intricacies of how the Episcopal Church governs itself, and making a pledge to bring this experience home to your diocese and home congregation.***

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone number(s) () _____ () _____
Home cell or work (circle one)

E-mail address _____

Birth date _____ Grade _____ Circle one: Male Female

Check all that apply: _____ Youth _____ Adult (at least 21 years old)

T-shirt size (adult sizes) S M L XL XXL XXXL

Congregation & City _____

Please answer the following questions (feel free to use additional paper, if necessary):

1. What excites you about attending General Convention?

2. What activities have you been involved in at your congregation? (i.e. acolytes, youth group, Vestry, Sunday school teacher, mission trips/work projects...)

3. What, if any, activities have you participated in on the diocesan, provincial, or national level? (and when) (Prior attendance at a diocesan, provincial or national event is not required.)

4. Would you be willing to come back and share the things you learned with other congregations and youth? How would you do that?

5. What do you hope to experience or learn at General Convention? Is there something specific (specific legislation, interest group, etc) that you want to track or learn about while there?

6. Would you be willing to serve as a youth representative to our annual diocesan convention after you have attended General Convention?

7. Is there anything else you would like to add?

For Adults: Have you attended the "Safeguarding God's Children" or the Diocesan Sexual Misconduct and Child Abuse Prevention Training?

Yes No Date of attendance (please provide proof of attendance)

Parent/Guardian Information:**

if parents live at different addresses, list both, and indicate which is the primary residence

****If there are special custodial arrangements, please notify the diocesan Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries.**

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone(s) _____

Work phone(s) _____

Cell phone(s) _____

Parents' e-mails _____

Person to notify in case Parent/Guardian cannot be reached:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Required Signatures & Parent/Guardian Authorization

PARENTAL CONSENT

I give my permission for my child _____ to apply to attend the Diocese of Newark's General Convention Youth Event on July 6-10, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN. I understand that the group that attends may need to commit to raising some of their own funding for the event.

I have read and understood the Community covenant. I understand that the participant must respect and obey the instructions of the adults in charge and that tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, weapons, inappropriate sexual behavior or sexually explicit communications will not be permitted at the event. I will provide transportation home for the young person if behavioral or severe health problems occur during this event.

MEDICAL RELEASE:

I authorize an adult in whose care the minor has been entrusted to consent to any X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment or hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or specific supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital. I will be liable and agree to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the above-named person pursuant to this authorization.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

I agree to hold the Diocese of Newark and any associated agencies and persons free and waive any claims for payment for accident, injury, disability or damages to the person or property of the aforementioned child arising out of or connected with his/her participation in any activity related to his/her participation in the aforementioned activity. I understand that the Diocese cannot assume responsibility for valuables or electronic equipment.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Diocese of Newark Program Community Covenant (Responsibilities & Regulations)

Our primary goal is to provide a safe, healthy, Christian environment for all participants. This covenant applies to ALL participants (youth, adult sponsors, clergy, speakers, etc.)

Personal responsibilities (ALL ages & roles):

- To seek and serve Christ in all people.
- Respect the dignity of every human being and to work together as a community for the benefit of the group.
- There will be no alcohol, illegal drugs, knives (this includes pocket/jackknives) or weapons brought on the premises for any reason.
- Possession of sexually explicit materials is prohibited.
- Inappropriate, offensive, or sexually explicit communications or statements are prohibited.
- Smoking or using other tobacco products is prohibited in all buildings, meeting rooms and sleeping areas. Smoking by youth is prohibited.
- No pets/animals are allowed except trained service dogs.
- Participants must respect personal and public property. Repair costs for damages incurred to property will be billed to the individual responsible for the damage.
- Participants are asked to refrain from making noise in common areas and sleeping rooms during specifically named times with a named curfew for each program.
- To protect the safety of all participants at the event, no socialization between boys and girls is allowed in the participants' sleeping areas or rooms.
- Adult chaperones and group leaders are responsible for enforcing the rules as stated.
- Violators of this Covenant may be asked to leave and/or be sent home. In such an instance, the violator (or his/her parent or guardian) will be financially responsible for any charges associated with leaving or being sent home.
- These rules are not negotiable. Each participant is expected to follow them without exception.
- If you are not able to attend the entire event, please do not attend unless you have received permission from the Diocesan Youth Missioner.

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

I understand that if I am chosen to go to General Convention, that I must abide by all rules and norms (including the Community Covenant), and that I will be asked to attend a mandatory orientation to prepare me for the event. I also understand that we may covenant to raise funds to attend General Convention together. I may be asked to share about my experience with other youth and adults in the diocese, and in my own congregation.

Signature _____ Date _____

PARISH PRIEST RECOMMENDATION

I recommend this person to attend the Diocese of Newark Youth's General Convention trip on July 6–10, 2012, in Indianapolis, IN. I am aware that this person may come to his/her congregation to ask for some financial assistance to attend. *I believe that this person can function and contribute in an adult environment, learn about the intricacies of how the Episcopal Church governs itself, and make a commitment to bringing this experience home to the Diocese and his/her home congregation.*

Signature _____ Date _____