



We are so blessed in this Diocese to have as many young people as we do who are willing to lead and serve. They are involved in congregational leadership on Sunday mornings, as acolytes, and even some as Junior Vestry Members. They move on into roles in the Diocese on staff at Happening and New Beginnings and then at Summer Camp. We have a solid group of youth who serve on the Youth Commission, overseeing all programs and designing new ones for the good of the order. They go on to serve at the Province VII level as youth representatives and have even contributed to the national Episcopal Youth Event this past year.

How do our youth learn these skills that are so important to becoming future leaders of the congregation? Someone has either modeled the way for them or taken specific time to work with them. Or just maybe, they have no training at all.

The purpose of the Diocesan Youth Leadership Program is to give to our youth (6th—9th grade) the opportunity to learn to be leaders, to be with others learning to be leaders, and, to allow them to be leaders.

This program is designed to be a one-year commitment, beginning in September, 2014. The group will meet six times over the next twelve months. In between, we will ask them to find a mentor, (this might be the rector, youth minister, or other person of leadership) and work on a project that relates to the training from the previous month. They will then give a report from this project.

We are looking for 12—20 youth from around the Diocese who are on the cusp of leadership. We want both genders. We want those in large and small congregations. We want to celebrate their gifts!

Locations will be throughout the diocese, beginning with St. Crispin's and ending at the Diocesan Offices. Once selected, you will receive information regarding the location for each of our meetings.

The cost for the participant is \$75 TOTAL. We ask that they seek financial assistance from the congregation in addition to their own funds.

To apply, complete the application form and return to the Diocesan offices. You will be notified of your acceptance into the program and provided with additional information in preparation for the September meeting.

Questions, contact Sabrina Evans 405 232 4820.

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**Application for Diocesan Youth Leadership Program—2014**  
**PLEASE PRINT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email (please note that we will send all information to you and your parent's email address) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent phone/cell \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

In what activities do you currently participate? \_\_\_\_\_

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How are you involved in the life of your congregation? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why would you like to be a part of the Diocesan Youth Leadership Program? (you may use additional page if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that:

- I am committing to involvement in 6 meetings that will be held throughout the Diocese at which my attendance is required.
- That I will have a project to do each month which relates to the topic discussed at the past meeting.
- That I will choose a mentor and meet with this person at least once a month with regards to my project.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to:

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73102 or by email: christianformation@epiok.org.