

Youth Report
To the 225th Annual Diocesan Convention

Mission Statement of the Diocese of New Jersey Youth Council

We, the Youth Council of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, represent a vital part of the church. We actively seek to live out our baptismal covenant being examples of Christ's love. As a community, we seek to grow spiritually while working towards peace and justice in the world.
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Each spring applications are sent to every parish for youth to apply to be on youth council. You must be a rising 9th through 12th grader to apply. Generally we have about 18 youth spots. Youth Council meets five times during the school year. At these meetings we create a Mission Statement, and a Community Covenant. We participate in Diocesan Youth Events and serve on at least one design team. Evaluation of the Youth Council process and we offer suggestions for the future. Most of all we pray for the young people, the Youth Department, the Diocese, and the world.

The following is a list of events held in 2008. Each of these events had a design team made up of members from youth council.

49th Bishops Ball
Youth at Convention
Senior Retreat
Spring Youth Event
EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) San Antonio, Texas
Mission Trip (Camp Coast Care, Long Beach, Mississippi)
TLC Day
Fall Youth Event
Generation
Winterlight 33 (Hendersonville, North Carolina)
4 Adult Workshops

None of these events would be possible without the dedication of the 17 youth and 15 adults who make up the Diocesan Youth Council. This group of young people and adult's have spent many hours planning, setting up, running, and cleaning up each of our events. Their desire to share their faith in God was evident at each event.

If your parish is interested in having the youth office come and make a presentation on youth ministry, or preach or bring a slide show please contact the youth office for more details.

Please visit our web site newjerseyyouth.org where you can register and pay for all our events online.

Faithfully Submitted,
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