

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOUTH



2005 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *PLANNED BY AND FOR YOUTH*  
IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA\*

For More Information, Contact: **Susannah Hunter, Canon for Youth Ministry**

**September 11**

## **Youth Council Kickoff - Grades 7- 12.**

*at the Philadelphia Cathedral, 3723 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104  
Meeting, Picnic Dinner, & Commissioning with the Bishop from 2:30 - 5:30 PM,  
Parents and Church Leaders Welcome to attend the First Meeting!*

Take an Active Role in Our Christian Ministry! Join an Outstanding Group of Young People from all Over Our Diocese as they Plan Faith-Forming Christian Events for Youth. This is the First Meeting of the Year, and a Great Time to Get Involved in a Diocesan Wide Ministry that helps to Define Youth Ministry in Our Diocese! Every Church Should Try to Invite Youth to Join. Regular Youth Council Meetings are held from 2:30-4:30 PM on the First Sunday of Every Month at the Philadelphia Cathedral. (All Dates for the Year are Listed, Changes in Location/Day Included: Sun. 9/11/05, Sun. 10/2/05, Sat. 11/5/05 During Convention 7:30AM-4:00PM, Sun. 12/4/05, Sat. 1/7/06 During Bishop's Ball Set-up 1-5PM, Sun. 2/5/06, Sun. 3/5/06, Sun. 4/2/06, Sun. 5/7/06, Sun. 6/06 1-5PM Party! Location TBA).

**October 8**

## **National Acolyte Festival - All Ages.**

*10 a.m. Saturday, National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.  
A Congregation Based Program.*

Gather Your Acolytes, Vergers or Adult Sponsors, Clergy and Friends and Join Us Columbus Day Weekend for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Acolyte Festival. Bring Processional Crosses, Banners, Torches, Flags and Other liturgical Items for the Festive Procession of Acolytes. [www.nationalcathedral.org/worship](http://www.nationalcathedral.org/worship)

**October 16**

## **The AIDS Walk Challenge - Walk All Ages.**

*Youth Council Retreat Starts Saturday, October 15, 7 p.m. - Sunday, October 16, 2:00 PM, Locations TBA  
Group Walk begins 8:30 a.m. Sunday. Meet Us There for a Group Picture! This is an ECS program.*

Come Join the Youth Council and Episcopal Community Services as They Help Raise Funds and Support for Essential AIDS Related Services and Education. In 2005 ECS came in 6<sup>th</sup> Highest in Donations; Let's Try to be in the Top Five this Year! Come Join Our Team (Team 21). Go to: [www.aidsfundphilly.org](http://www.aidsfundphilly.org) for more information. Start Collecting Funds with Your Youth Group Today!

**October 21-22**

## **Seeking Servants in the City- Grades 6 - 12.**

*7 PM Friday - 3 PM Saturday, Location TBA.*

Experience the Incredible Power of Serving Others in Faith. Come and Enjoy an Intentional Evening Program Based on Scripture, Prayer and Fellowship with an Overnight Stay and a Day of Christian Community Service followed by Worship, Including Personal Testimonials and Reflection from Participants. Join Youth Council as We Strive to Live into Our Baptismal Covenant to "Seek and Serve Christ in all Persons." **Enrollment is on a First Come Basis.**

**November 5**

## **Diocesan Convention Youth Presence - Grades 9 - 12.**

*Youth and Adult Registration and Orientation 7:30 AM & Convention 8:30 AM - 4 PM  
The Philadelphia Cathedral, 3723 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104*

Come to Convention and Learn How the Church Works! At Convention Youth will Witness Important Decisions being made that Influence the Life and Work of the Church. Youth Council Representatives will Present Resolutions, Create an Informational Display, and Speak at Convention about Youth Concerns.

**Resolved:** "Each Parish Shall have the Right to Approve Two Youth Representatives Who Shall have the Right to Sit with the Deputies from their Parish and who Shall have the Privilege of Speaking but not Voting on Matters coming before Convention" Encourage Youth From Your Parish to Learn about and Attend Convention. Young People who Attend Diocesan Convention will be Given Priority in the Registration Process for the Historic General Convention Youth Presence Trip in the Summer! (Diocesan Constitution & Canon, Appendix 4, SO IV.6; p.42)

**November 20**

## **Pennsylvania Day - ALL Ages**

*11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Services at the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.  
This is a Congregational Based Program*

Join Bishop Bennison and Preachers, Elected Officials, Scripture Readers, and Choirs Across Pennsylvania at the National Cathedral to Celebrate Pennsylvania State Day on November 20. There will be an 11 a.m. Eucharist, 7 p.m. Evensong, a Procession of Acolytes and Clergy, and a Reception. **Contact Peg Schneider at 610-645-0522.**

**December 21**

## **Youth Dinner with the Bishop - Grades 11 & 12, College Year 1 & 2**

*7 PM - 9 PM Dinner & Discussion*

Are You Called to Ordained Ministry? Come Learn What Ordained Ministry is all About. Select Clergy Leaders and the Bishop Will Share Their Personal Experiences with Young People from Around the Diocese. The Dinner will take Place in Bishop Bennison's Study in his Home. Young People Interested in Attending or Clergy and Lay Leaders, and Family Members Interested in Inviting their Young People to Attend Must Call the Youth Ministry Office by December 10 to Secure a Reservation as Space is Limited. **Enrollment is on a First Come, First Served Basis.**

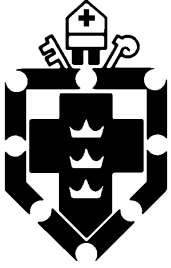
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## January 7

(Snow date Jan. 14)

### **The Bishop's Ball - Grades 7-12.**

*7 - 10 p.m. Saturday, Youth Council Retreat 1:00 p.m. Saturday to 12:00 noon Sunday, Location TBA*

Join a Great Group of Christian Youth for a Dance Hosted By Youth Council and Bishop Bennison. Hear Great Music, Eat Homemade Snacks and Dress to the Theme. Each Youth Group is Encouraged to Collect and Bring Canned Goods to the Event. The Group with the Largest Donation will be Recognized by the Bishop and Receive a Group Prize. All Proceeds from the Dance will be Donated to a Charity of the Youth Council's Choosing.

## April 28-29

### **Diocesan Nightwatch in New York City - Grades 6-12.**

*4 p.m. Friday, Departure from St. Asaph's, Bala Cynwyd,*

Join Other Youth from the Diocese for a Spiritual and Educational Pilgrimage to the Largest Gothic Style Cathedral in the United States Located in Historic Harlem, New York. We will be Staying Overnight at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and then Participate in Activities around New York City. Parish Youth Groups Welcome! **Advanced Registration is Required as Enrollment will be on a First Come, First Served Basis.** To Plan an Individual Parish Trip to Nightwatch Weekends Throughout the Year Contact [nightwatch@stjohnthedivine.org](mailto:nightwatch@stjohnthedivine.org).

## June 13-26

### **General Convention - Grades 10-12 (as of September 2006)**

*Columbus, Ohio*

The 75<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

A Gathering Established for the Purpose of Taking Council Together as a Church. While There is a Significant Amount of Legislative Work Accomplished During the Convention the Real Benefit is the Coming Together of Every Aspect of the Life of the Church for Conversation, Prayer, and Looking Toward the Future. We will Participate in a Specially Designed Youth Program Sponsored by the National Church. **Enrollment is on a First Come, First Served Basis.**

## July TBA

### **Diocesan Mission Trip to Guatemala - Grades 9-12.**

*10 Days*

Youth *in* Grades 9-12 are Welcome to Apply for This Faith Nurturing Event! 25 Young People and Adults from Our Diocese will Travel Together to Guatemala this Summer to Live and Work in Community in Our Companion Diocese of Guatemala, Sharing Our Love of Jesus Christ with Others. While in Guatemala, the Young People and Adults will Experience God in New Ways as We Forge New Friendships, Learn about the Culture and History of Guatemala, Marvel at its Beauty, and Understand the Hardships Caused by a 30 Year Civil War and Mass Poverty. By Signing on for This Trip, Many Young People from This Diocese will Experience Travel Unlike Any That They Have Before or Might After. We are Entering Guatemala as Friends of Our Host Diocese and Ambassadors of Our Own Diocese. A Deep Connection Has Already Been Formed Between the Two Dioceses, which will Continue to Grow and Blossom with Each New Encounter. Don't Miss this Powerful Opportunity! **Enrollment is on a First Come, First Served Basis.**

## July TBA

### **Camp Wapiti - Campers Ages 7-14, Staff Ages 15+**

Trained and Experienced Camp Wapiti Counselors will Lead Your Camper (Age 7-14) Through a Fun and Safe Week of Camp - Swimming and Sports, Talent Show and Outdoor Adventures, Good Food and Comfy Quarters, Campfires and Compline. Campers Will Also Take a Field Trip to the Wapiti Property (Future Home of Camp Wapiti) to Explore its Native Wildlife and Historical Heritage. **Enrollment is on a First Come, First Served Basis.** Contact Camp Director Richard Gilbert at 215-627-6434x180

## Summer 2006

### **The Diocesan Youth Summer Experience - Grades 9-12**

*Accommodations on a College Campus, Location TBA*

Spend 6 days Learning and Working in the City of Chester. Join Us and Serve the People of Chester in a Variety of Ways, Including Work Projects, Cooking Projects, Beautification and Building Projects, Vacation Bible School and Camp Teaching Opportunities. We Will Have Daily Activities in the Chester Community, Nightly Gatherings and Activities, Guest Speakers, and Workshops. Each Day will be Punctuated by Sharing Experiences, Learning from Others, Worship and Prayer. **Enrollment is on a First Come, First Served Basis.**

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