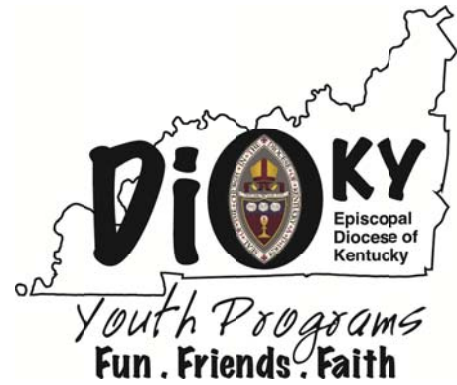


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End of summer greetings!

This letter represents my annual appeal for your help in increasing youth involvement in Diocesan Convention! There are two opportunities for youth to sit at convention: as a church delegate and as a youth delegate.



- **Church delegate** – any youth 16 years or older are eligible to represent their *own* church as a delegate (separate from youth delegates). If there is a young person in your church who has shown a capacity for leadership within the local community, invite them to consider applying that leadership at a Diocesan level in the name of your church! Any youth church delegates interested in joining the youth delegates after the reception Friday are welcome.
- **Youth delegate** – any youth age 14-18 are eligible to represent the youth vote at convention. All youth delegates have voice on convention floor, will be oriented and guided through the procedures of convention and will be invited to participate in a youth event following the ordination and reception Friday evening. The youth delegates will choose five (5) representatives allowed to vote.

As you consider the delegation process, please remember the Episcopal Church's Children's Charter:

The Church is called to appreciate children's abilities and readiness to represent Christ and his church, to bear witness to him wherever they may be, and according to gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world, and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the church. (Ministry of the Laity pg. 855 BCP)

A few additional reminders:

- If you are making hotel reservations and transportation arrangements, please remember that our Safeguarding God's Children guidelines do not allow for one adult and one child to room or ride together unless they are family.
- The local church is responsible for transporting all youth delegates, providing overnight accommodations and maintaining record of parent and emergency contact information.

Thank you all for your work in the church, and that which you do with and for youth. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I'd love to hear from you!

Gratefully,

Beth Bojarski

PS: Please mark your calendars!

Diocesan Acolyte Festival at Calvary Episcopal Church in Louisville: Saturday, September 24

Fall Gathering: October 14-16 at All Saints!

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