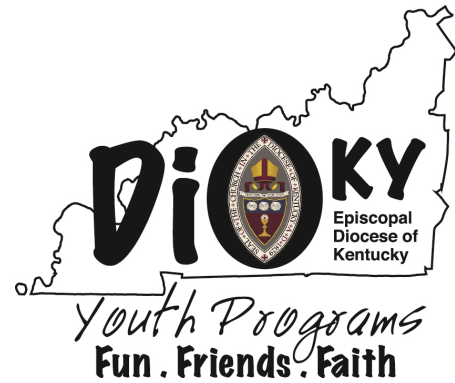


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Greetings!

Fostering youth leadership now creates a new generation of leadership in the Diocese. Diocesan Convention is a great opportunity for youth to sit at convention and participate in two different capacities: 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 own 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 on Friday are welcome.
- **Youth delegates** – any youth age 14-18 are eligible to represent the youth vote at convention. All youth delegates have voice on the convention floor, will be oriented and guided through the procedures of convention and will be invited to participate in a youth event following Holy Eucharist 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.

God's grace,

Brian Kinnaman

PS: Please mark your calendars!

Diocesan Acolyte Festival will be held in conjunction with the Diocese of Lexington at Church of the Good Shepherd in Lexington: September 29<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Gathering: October 12-14 at All Saints!

**The Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky Youth Program provides Christ-centered, safe, welcoming opportunities for youth people to experience friendship, fun, and faith enrichment often in an outdoor setting.**