

Youth in grades 10-12 are invited...

Happening #71 August 23-25, 2013

Solomon Episcopal Conference Center

Registration Deadline: August 2nd, 2013

What is Happening? Happening is a youth-led spiritual formation weekend designed for high school teens. It is an amazing experience that changes the way you think about yourself and your faith.

Who can attend Happening? Happening is open to 10th through 12th grade teenagers of any denomination. You need not be Episcopalian to attend, however you must be committed to engage in theological reflection from a Christian perspective.

Who is involved in the weekend? Happening is staffed by youth who have attended Happening in the past, as well as adult "moms" and "dads". There will be a nurse present to administer all medicines, and other Youth Ministers, parents and adults will also be there to help supervise this amazing weekend. The Youth Rector is Caitlin Walpole from St. Augustine's, Metairie, LA, the guest musician is Sam Hensley from Roanoke, VA, and the Coordinator is Amelia Arthur. Email Amelia at aarthur@edola.org with questions. Registration is available online at: www.solomoncenter.org/events.

General Information About Happening #71

What should I bring to Happening? Pillow, sleeping bag, toiletries, enough clothes for the weekend including pajamas, musical instruments if you play them, a great attitude and an open heart. Please do not bring cell phones, laptops, ipads, or other electronic devices.

Closing Ceremony Parents, siblings, friends, clergy and youth ministers are invited and encouraged to the closing ceremony at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 25th in the Chapel at the SECC. We want someone there for each participant and parents will be contacted about the ceremony prior to the Happening Weekend.

Permission Form A separate Permission Form is included as part of the Registration for this event. This is needed to comply with legal requirements that allow the Conference Center and Happening Staff to get medical attention for minors, as well as adults in the event that they are unable to consent to needed medical attention. It also includes required statements from those who can attest to the applicant's ability to safely and properly interact with others. It must be printed out as part of the Registration process, and original signatures must be obtained. Completed Permission Forms may be mailed to the Center or hand delivered by the participant upon arrival. Failure to submit a Permission Form will absolutely preclude participation - no exceptions.

The permission form is available online at: www.edola.org/ministries/youth/events

Attendance: All participants must attend the entire event. No arriving late or leaving early.

Registration Time: 7:00 PM on Friday, August 23rd. Please make sure to eat dinner before arriving!

Departure Time: 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 25th.

Cost of Happening: \$150 – Registration is online at www.solomoncenter.org until August 2, 2013. Optionally, you may mail a check to: The Solomon Episcopal Conference Center, 54296 Highway 445, Loranger, LA 70446, after you complete the online registration. You must register and pay before coming to Happening on August 23rd.

Staff: The cost for staff members and adults is \$ 150.

Registration: Candidates, Staff, and Adult Chaperones may register

online. If you pay with a credit card, the full cost of Happening will be charged to the card. In the event of cancellation, the applicable refund amount, if any, will be refunded to the card. By registering for any diocesan youth event (Rally, Happening, etc), you are also giving permission for pictures from the event, which may contain your picture, to be used for marketing and social media purposes for the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana and the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. Photos will never be published with specific names of participants.

Questions: Please contact Amelia Arthur, Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministries in the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, at 504-

895-6634 x226 or email: <u>aarthur@edola.org</u>.