



April 15, 2009

ATTENTION: DELEGATES TO YOUTH SYNOD

The theme for this year is “From One to Many”. We will develop this theme throughout the weekend by our motions, within our worship and in other various activities. Enclosed is some of the Youth Synod 2009 material. **Important!!** The motions and information sheets are posted online in response to a motion at YS 2008 requiring us to use as little paper as possible. In order to prepare for Youth Synod, you will need to read the motions and information sheets online at www.zipsqueal.com. Your parish priest will be alerted that she/he can also access the motions via our youth ministry website www.zipsqueal.com. We encourage you to meet with your parish priest to discuss the issues identified in the motions.

You will also find blank motion forms, “How to Speak to a Motion” and other information pertinent to delegates on the website.

Here is what you should find inside this package:

1. The **agenda** for the weekend outlining our planned activities. Please note registration begins at 6:15 p.m. on Friday with the program commencing at 7:00 p.m.

We will be concluding with lunch on Sunday. **YOUR FAMILY IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT 9:30 A.M. AND TO SHARE SUNDAY LUNCH (11:00 p.m.) with us and we will need confirmation of numbers coming for lunch when you register on the Friday night.**

2. Invitation to **contribute \$5.00** to support a child living in poverty – from the Youth Synod 2006 Wal-Mart/Sweatshop motion.
3. At Youth Synod 2007, a motion was passed asking delegates to Youth Synod **to bring non-perishable food items** that would be distributed to a local food bank. This is one of the ways that we can “*walk the talk*” of Youth Synod and “*Be the change you wish to see in the world*” See the attached list of suggested items.
4. A reminder to send us your health form and a map to St. Christopher’s, the host parish.

Other Things to Know!

Fees: In most cases, the \$75 delegate fee is covered by the parish. If this is not the case for you, the fee is due when you register at the event. Cheques are to be made payable to the “Diocese of Niagara.”

Accommodations: **No mats will be provided this year!** All participants will be sleeping on the floor - **bring your own “not too big” foamy/air mattress** to sleep on along with your sleeping bag and pillow.

No Nut Products Allowed on Site: Do not bring snacks, ample snacks will be provided.

Storage space for your belongings is very limited, so please pack **lightly** (we suggest you leave valuables and electronics at home). It is also helpful to label your belongings.

Washroom facilities are limited and there are no showers at the church. You will have the opportunity for a **sports break (swim) and shower** on Saturday afternoon. Don't forget to pack a swimsuit, towel and any personal items you will need.

In Case of Emergency: Call St. Christopher's Anglican Church at 905-634-1809. Ask to speak with Joyce Wilton or Christyn Perkons, Diocesan Staff at Youth Synod, or leave a message on the answering machine identifying that you are trying to connect with someone at Youth Synod (we will be checking regularly).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us at Cathedral Place at 905-527-1316. We are looking forward to seeing you on May 1 at Youth Synod!

Sincerely,



Joyce Wilton
Program Consultant, Youth Ministry



Christyn Perkons
Program Consultant, Youth Ministry

Enclosures

Remember to bring:

- Sleeping bag, pillow and **foamy/air mattress**
- Swim suit and towel
- Any personal items you need
- Non-perishable food items for donation to local food bank
- Water bottle with your name clearly marked on it as no plastic water bottles will be provided

And remember to go online to www.zipsqueal.com to read the motions so you'll know what we will be discussing at Youth Synod. You may bring a printed copy with you or we will provide a copy (printed on recycled paper!) on site.