



# What is Bishop's School?

## BACKGROUND:

Bishop's School was introduced in Region 9 in 1991 and first implemented in June 1992. Since that date, over 300 high school youth have participated in this life-changing event. Bishop's School takes place on the campus of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina. Youth are housed in the Seminary dorm, worship in Christ Chapel, and study with seminary faculty.

The event is designed for in-depth study and discussion of basic theological tenets of the Christian faith. Participants are in class several hours a day, spend time in daily reflection and study, and participate in small groups for reflection.

Service projects in and around the community of Columbia will offer numerous opportunities to assist youth in their faith journeys. Faith interviews, a variety of worship opportunities, and local service projects will provide a rich experience away from the campus. Free time is scheduled to help balance learning with reflection and relaxation.

## STAFF:

Leaders for the event include the Rev. Dr. Wayne Kannaday, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Newberry College; Lutheran clergy, and other lay rostered leaders, seminarians, and the Bishop in Residence, the Rev. Edward R. Benoway, Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod. As faith enablers, they meet in small groups with youth to reflect on class sessions, discussion questions, and issues of concern. The coordinators for Bishop's School are Sandra Holland, AIM, Associate Director for Ministry, Region 9-ELCA, and Jenny Tomalka, Director of Admissions, Southern Seminary.

## PARTICIPANTS:

Participants include 30 youth nominated by a parish pastor or lay rostered leader in his or her home congregation. Each rostered leader is encouraged to use the guidelines for inclusiveness in nominating youth (see back panel).

## HOW TO NOMINATE:

The home pastor or adult youth leader of each applicant completes the attached nomination form and writes a letter of reference. Each youth nominated writes a paragraph or two about why he/she wants to participate in the event and also fills out the attached information form.

## COSTS:

A registration fee of **\$450** for each youth participating covers all housing and meals during the event. Transportation costs to and from Columbia are not included. **Synods or the home congregations of participants are encouraged to pay these costs.**

*(Qualified youth should not be left out because of lack of funds. If such a situation arises, contact your synod office to request scholarship funds.)*

## Nomination Form Bishop's School 2010 (To be completed by a rostered leader)

Name of youth \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you nominating this person? (please attach a letter of reference)

Please list below any issues, problems, concerns, or special needs which would assist Bishop's School staff in working with this youth.

Person making this nomination:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Agency or individual responsible for paying the registration fee of \$450:

\_\_\_\_\_ Synod (specify)

\_\_\_\_\_ Home Congregation

\_\_\_\_\_ Nominee

**(payment will be due upon acceptance)**

Rostered leader's signature:

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**Please return to:**

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**Please mail in:**

- 1- Youth information form
- 2- Paragraphs prepared by the youth nominated
- 3- Nomination form signed by rostered leader
- 4- Letter of reference by rostered leader