

Leadership Pathways

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pastors, Associates in Ministry, Youth Ministry Directors

FROM: Tammy Jones West, Youth Ministry Coordinator

DATE: February 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Leadership Pathways

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Leadership Pathways is the Christian leadership training event for youth in our synod. Unlike LYO assemblies and retreats, **Leadership Pathways** is not designed for every youth. Instead, you are asked to nominate youth in your congregation with the greatest leadership potential. Youth should be in grades 9-12 at the time of application.

Our hope is that youth selected to participate in this event will then utilize this training in their local congregations. Therefore, we ask that youth be able to identify specific ways they intend to use skills learned at the event. Likewise, we ask that churches be prepared to use these youth in ways that encourage their leadership skills to mature.

This year's event will be held at Lenoir-Rhyne College on June 16-20. Due to budget constraints, there is no longer a subsidy provided by the Synod LYNC Network budget and therefore, the cost to each participant is \$185.00. Congregations are encouraged to help youth cover this part of their expenses. Please note the application deadline of MARCH 31, 2008.

Thank you for taking time to nominate youth from your congregation for this event. We always appreciate the support Youth Ministry receives from our church professionals. We ask that you keep this event, as well as all programs of the synod, in your prayers.

This application form consist of three parts. Parts I & II are to be completed by the youth. Part III is to be completed by the youth's Pastor, Associate in Ministry or Youth Director. No application will be considered until all three parts have been received. Return applications to:

Leadership Pathways Coordinator, 366 Chesterfield Dr., Taylorsville NC 28681.

Part I--Biographical Information

- A. Name: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Currently in grade: _____ Gender: _____
Congregation: _____ Location: _____
Email Address: _____
- B. List areas of involvement in your congregation.
- C. List membership in organizations and activities at school. Underline those in which you have served or currently serve as an officer.
- D. List any offices held at conference or synodical levels of LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization).
- E. List participation in camps or retreats sponsored by the N.C. Synod.
I am applying for Path I _____, Path II _____ or Path III _____.

Part II--Essay Question

Please use paragraph form to answer the questions below. Use the space on the back of this form to write your responses. Please be as thorough as possible. Your answers will play an important role in determining your acceptance to the event.

- A. What leadership qualities would you bring to this event? Identify skills you hope to develop through participation in this event.
- B. How do you plan to use your experiences at this event in your congregation and school?

C. *For Path Two and Three applicants only:* give specific examples of ways you have used leadership skills developed from **Leadership Pathways**.

Use the space on this page to write your responses to the essay questions in Part II.

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31. LATE APPLICATIONS
WILL BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST AND ACCEPTED AS SPACE ALLOWS.

A REMINDER: ALL THREE PARTS OF THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31 IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED.

Part III - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT'S PASTOR OR ASSOCIATE IN MINISTRY.
 TO ENSURE CONFIDENTIALITY, THIS FORM MAY BE RETURNED IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE.

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Name of Applicant: _____

Congregation: _____

PLEASE EVALUATE THE APPLICANT'S LEVEL OF ABILITY IN EACH OF THE AREAS LISTED BELOW:

ABILITY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	AVERAGE	EXCELLENT
DEPENDABILITY			
ASSUMES & CARRIES OUT RESPONSIBILITIES			
MATURITY			
LEADERSHIP			
ADHERES TO RULES AND GUIDELINES			
GETS ALONG WITH OTHERS			
COMMUNICATION SKILLS			

1. Please identify areas of ministry within your congregation where this youth could apply his/her leadership skills.

2. Please describe your overall impressions about the leadership potential of this youth.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

Return to: Leadership Pathways Registrar
 366 Chesterfield Dr.
 Taylorsville NC 28681