



Youth Core Leadership Team

Position Description

Introduction

The Youth Core Leadership Team is composed of twelve high school youth from across the ELCA who have been identified as leaders in congregations and/or synods, and who desire the opportunity to dig more deeply into their own leadership and faith formation through participation with a small group of peers. Each year, six youth are added to this team as six participants are sent out from the team to discover new opportunities for leadership as high school seniors or young adults.

Who Should Apply?

1. Youth who apply for one of the six open positions on the YCLT are expected to be engaged in their faith life and actively involved in a local congregation.
2. Youth can expect to be challenged to develop leadership skills and explore faith formation through a series of events and online activities each year. **Applicants must be clear** that participation in the **Annual ELCA Youth Leadership Summit**, held the first weekend of November each year, and **Spring meetings in Chicago** (*dates determined by year*) **are mandatory**.
3. Youth who apply are expected to take the learnings from in-person events and online training back to their home congregations and synods to engage peers with what they have learned and to encourage participation in leadership for this church in its three expressions.
4. Youth selected for the YCLT will have the opportunity to engage all of the ministries of the ELCA and may be called upon as a resource for church council or other task forces and committees to provide the “youth voice” as requested.
5. We seek applications from youth currently in 9th and 10th grades, able to participate fully during the two years on the team while still in high school. We aspire to diversity across race, ethnicity, gender and geographic locale amongst applicants for participation.

How to Apply

To apply, please visit <http://www.elcaymnet.org/YouthSummit> and complete the online application. Please provide all requested information. Deadline for Applications is March 1st each year. A downloadable pdf will also be available.